



## Policy costing

Kakadu rescue package	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
Summary of proposal: The proposal would invest in infrastructure and community development projects to improve the Kakadu National Park as a tourist destination and secure the future of the township of Jabiru by bringing forward the medium-term component of the 2019-20 Budget measure <i>Securing Tourism and Jobs in Kakadu</i> into the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. The proposal would take effect from 1 July 2019.	

## Costing overview

This proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$64.9 million over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. This impact reflects increases of \$63.2 million in administered expenses and \$1.7 million in departmental expenses.

The proposal would be expected to have an impact which extends beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. Detailed financial implications for the proposal over the period to 2029-30 are included in [Attachment A](#).

**Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Fiscal balance	-2.7	-11.4	-21.4	-29.4	<b>-64.9</b>
Underlying cash balance	-2.7	-11.4	-21.4	-29.4	<b>-64.9</b>

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

## Key assumptions

The Parliamentary Budget Office has made the following assumptions in costing this proposal.

- The amount of savings generated beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period, as a result of bringing forward funding allocated to the medium term (2023-24 to 2028-29), has been distributed based on a similar profile to that published by the Department of the Environment and Energy in the document *Director of National Parks, Securing Tourism and Jobs in Kakadu funding*.

## Methodology

The financial implications of this proposal were estimated by bringing forward the medium-term funding allocated to the 2019-20 Budget measure *Securing Tourism and Jobs in Kakadu* into the 2019-20 forward estimates period.

All estimates were rounded to the nearest \$100,000.

## Data sources

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## Attachment A – Kakadu rescue package – financial implications

**Table A1: Kakadu rescue package – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2019– 20	2020– 21	2021– 22	2022– 23	2023– 24	2024– 25	2025– 26	2026– 27	2027– 28	2028– 29	2029– 30	Total to 2022–23	Total to 2029–30
<b>Expenses</b>													
<i>Administered</i>	-2.6	-11.1	-20.9	-28.7	24.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	4.5	4.5	-	<b>-63.2</b>	-
<i>Departmental – Department of the Environment and Energy</i>	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-	<b>-1.7</b>	-
<b>Total – expenses</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	-	<b>-64.9</b>	-

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

- Indicates nil.