



Policy costing

Labor's plan for carers and people with disability	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>This proposal would provide the following specified amounts to improve services and support for carers, and invest in making Australia more accessible and inclusive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component 1: \$62,500 per year (\$250,000 over four years) for Carers Australia and National Carers Week on an ongoing basis.• Component 2: \$125,000 per year (\$500,000 over four years) for the National Disability Awards on an ongoing basis.• Component 3: \$10 million over four years for disability representative organisations, to boost advocacy.• Component 4: \$2 million over four years for disability sport. <p>Components 1 to 4 will be provided from 2019-20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component 5: \$4 million for audio description at the ABC and SBS, provided in 2019-20.• Component 6: \$66 million to boost carer respite, provided over three years from 2020-21.• Component 7: \$2 million for inclusive publishing.• Component 8: \$7 million for 25 extra Centrelink carer specialists. Funding for this commitment is covered under the commitment <i>1,200 additional Department of Human Services (DHS) staff</i> (PER379). <p>The proposal would also include the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Component 9: Allow carer allowance recipients to meet their mutual obligation requirements for other payments by applying for part-time work.• Component 10: Undertake a two-year review of the Integrated Carer Support Service model. Costs of the review would be absorbed within existing resources.	

Costing overview

This proposal would be expected to decrease both the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$84.8 million over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. This impact reflects an increase in administered expenses of \$78.6 million and an increase in departmental expenses of \$6.2 million.

A breakdown of the financial implications of this proposal over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period is included at [Attachment A](#). The proposal would be expected to have a small ongoing impact beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period arising from Components 1 and 2.

Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Fiscal balance	-8.2	-26.2	-25.2	-25.2	-84.8
Underlying cash balance	-8.2	-26.2	-25.2	-25.2	-84.8

(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.

Attachment A – Labor's plan for carers and people with disability

Table A1: Labor's plan for carers and people with disability – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Expenses					
<i>Administered</i>					
<i>Component 1: Funding for Carers Australia and National Carers Week</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
<i>Component 2: Funding for the National Disability Awards</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5
<i>Component 3: Disability representative organisations</i>	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-10.0
<i>Component 4: Disability sport</i>	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-2.0
<i>Component 5: Audio descriptions at the ABS and SBS</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Component 6: Carer respite</i>	-	-20.9	-21.4	-21.4	-63.8
<i>Component 7: Inclusive publishing</i>	-1.0	-1.0	-	-	-2.0
<i>Component 8: Extra Centrelink carer specialists</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Component 9: Allow carer allowance recipients to meet mutual obligations</i>
<i>Component 10: Undertake a two-year review of the Integrated Carer Support Service model</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total – administered	-4.2	-25.1	-24.6	-24.6	-78.6
<i>Departmental</i>					
<i>Component 5: Audio descriptions at the ABS and SBS</i>	-4.0	-	-	-	-4.0
<i>Component 6: Carer respite</i>	-	-1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2
Total – departmental	-4.0	-1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-6.2
Total – expenses	-8.2	-26.2	-25.2	-25.2	-84.8

(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.