



Policy costing request—during the caretaker period for a general election

Name of policy:	Marine Plastics CRC
Person requesting costing:	Senator Di Natale
Parliamentary party:	Australian Greens
Date of request to cost the policy:	28 June 2016
<i>Note: This policy costing request and the response to this request will be made publicly available.</i>	
Has a costing of this policy been requested under Section 29 of the Charter of Budget Honesty (ie from the Treasury or the Department of Finance)?	No.
Details of the public release of this policy (Date, by whom and a reference to that release):	10 June 2016, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson http://greens.org.au/news/tas/greens-propose-establishment-marine-plastics-crc-hobart
Description of policy	
Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Establish the Marine Plastics Cooperative Research Council (CRC).
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	To undertake research into the impact of plastic pollution on the marine environment.
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:	
Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list the components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.	Yes. Part of the waste reduction policy (see link to the public announcement above).
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? If a capped amount, are the costs of administering the policy to be included within the capped amount or additional to the capped amount?	Capped.
Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy? If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?	Yes. Additional funding will be provided by industry partners on a case-by-case basis.

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Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	No.			
Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?	Yes. It relates to existing CRC funding, but would be additional funding.			
If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program?	No.			
Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.	Yes.			
Expected impacts of the proposal				
If applicable, what are the estimated costs each year? If available, please provide details in the table below. Are these provided on an underlying cash balance or fiscal balance basis?				
Estimated financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)				
	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
Underlying cash balance (\$m)		-5.0	-5.1	-5.1
Fiscal balance (\$m)		-5.0	-5.1	-5.1
(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 positive number in the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.				
What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)?	\$5 million funding per annum, indexed at CPI. N.B. A costing was submitted to the PBO prior to the caretaker period for this policy, but at \$20 million per annum.			
Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?	No.			
What is the expected community impact of the policy? How many people will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?	Reduction of and better understanding of the impact of plastic pollution on the marine environment.			

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Administration of policy:	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	Australian Government, as per current CRC model.
Please specify whether any special administrative arrangements are proposed for the policy and whether these are expected to involve additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	No.
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2017
Intended duration of policy:	Five years
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS catalogue number 3201.0).	N/A
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.
<p>NOTE:</p> <p><i>Please note that:</i></p> <p><i>The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.</i></p> <p><i>The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requestor. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requestor in advance of the costing being completed.</i></p>	