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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request on *implementing the UN Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (letter of 14 August 2013).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (www.aph.gov.au/pbo).

If you have any queries about this costing, please do not hesitate to contact Colin Brown on (02) 6277 9530.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Name of proposal to be costed:	Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Summary of proposal:	The proposal would provide funding to develop a national action plan to implement the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) in Australia. The development of a national action plan would provide the road map for implementing the UNDRIP. The proposal will have effect from 1 July 2014.
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens Party
Date costing request received:	14 August 2013
Date costing completed:	15 August 2013
Date of public release of policy:	9 August 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Not applicable

Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash balance and fiscal balance by \$15 million over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is entirely due to an increase in expenses. Funding for this proposal would terminate on 30 June 2017.

These costs reflect only those associated with the development of the national action plan. No provision has been included for the cost of implementing the plan which may involve additional costs within and beyond the forward estimates period.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability. The estimates are based on a capped funding amount specified in the costing request.

Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0

(a) A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in expenses in accrual terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in expenses in cash terms.

POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Key assumptions

As specified in the costing request, the PBO has assumed funding is split evenly across the forward estimates, commencing 1 July 2014.

Methodology

The estimates are based on the capped funding amount specified in the costing request.