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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *No-one left behind: Ending homelessness* (letter of 29 August 2013).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (<http://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

5 September 2013

COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Name of proposal:	No-one left behind: Ending homelessness
Summary of proposal:	This proposal contains two initiatives that would provide an additional 7,000 homes by 2020 and increase funding for homelessness services. The intention of the proposal is to house every person currently sleeping rough by 2020 and increase funding for homelessness services. The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2014.
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens
Date costing request received:	29 August 2013
Date costing completed:	5 September 2013
Date of public release of policy:	21 June 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash and fiscal balances by \$2.7 billion over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is entirely due to an increase in expenses.

The proposal would also involve expenditures beyond the forward estimates period of \$0.9 billion per annum for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

Departmental costs are dependent on the method of implementation. They have not been included in this costing since they are likely to be small compared to the size of the overall funding for the proposal.

This costing is of high reliability as it is based on the capped amount and funding profile specified in the costing request.

The PBO has not made an assessment of whether the funding is sufficient to meet the policy goals.

POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

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

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-900.2	-900.2	-900.2
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-900.2	-900.2	-900.2

(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 expenditure in cash terms.