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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Community Media* (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

30 August 2013

COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Name of proposal to be costed:	Community Media
Summary of proposal:	The proposal would provide \$27.0 million per year to support community media comprising: • \$1.4 million per year to continue and further extend community radio's transition across to the digital stream • \$0.6 million per year for the Australian Music Radio Airplay Project to enable it to distribute new Australian music to 1500 broadcasters and 300 community radio stations • \$7.0 million per year to establish a Content Creation Fund to support further innovative programming • \$2.0 million per year for a community broadcasting training fund to skill up the next generations of broadcasters • \$4.0 million per year to establish a Digital Hub Infrastructure Fund to enable the community broadcasting sector to leverage the National Broadband Network and safeguard and support free-to-air digital services in a multi-platform environment, and • \$12.0 million per year in additional operational funds to help the Community Broadcasting Foundation support critical areas for development in rural and regional areas. The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2014.
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens Party
Date costing request received:	29 August 2013
Date costing completed:	30 August 2013
Date of public release of policy	19 August 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Not applicable

POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash balance and fiscal balance by \$81.0 million over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This is entirely due to an increase to expenses. This proposal will have an ongoing impact beyond the forward estimates period of \$27.0 million per year.

Consistent with the costing request, departmental costs are to be accommodated from within the capped funding amounts.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability as it is 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)	-	-27.0	-27.0	-27.0
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-27.0	-27.0	-27.0

(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.