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Senator Christine Milne  
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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Indigenous Rangers* (letter of 30 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

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## COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

<b>Name of proposal:</b>	<b>Indigenous Rangers</b>
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal would provide \$100 million in funding over four years from 1 July 2014 to increase the number of Indigenous Rangers.</p> <p>The intention of the proposal is to double the number of Indigenous Rangers within a decade.</p> <p>The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2014.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens
Date costing request received:	30 August 2013
Date costing completed:	1 September 2013
Date of public release of policy:	25 August 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Not applicable

### Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash and fiscal balances by \$75 million over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is entirely due to an increase in expenses.

The proposal would also have a financial impact beyond the forward estimates period of \$25 million spending in 2017-18. Lengthening Indigenous Ranger contracts to 10 years would imply that the program has ongoing impacts in subsequent years.

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

**Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(a)</sup>**

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-25	-25	-25
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-25	-25	-25

(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.

## **POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD**

### **Key assumptions**

A capped funding profile for this costing was specified in the costing request. The funding being provided under this proposal is in addition to the current Government commitment.

Any additional expenses associated with administering and providing operational support to the additional Indigenous Rangers is included in the capped funding being provided under this proposal.

### **Methodology**

This costing is based on the capped amounts specified in the costing request.