



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

<b>Name of proposal costed: Seniors Connected Program</b>	
<b>Costing Identifier:</b>	COA045
<b>Summary of costing:</b>	<p>The proposal is to provide \$10.0 million over four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23 for a Seniors Connected Program. This program would provide support to address loneliness experienced by older Australians.</p> <p>The program would provide grant funding to organisations to assist them in addressing loneliness issues.</p>
<b>Ongoing or Terminating (including date)<sup>(a)</sup></b>	Terminating 30 June 2023
<b>Person making the request:</b>	Prime Minister
<b>Date costing request received:</b>	9 May 2019
<b>Date of public release of policy:</b>	1 May 2019
<b>Date costing completed:</b>	15 May 2019
<b>Additional information requested (including date):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Additional information received (including date):</b>	Not applicable

(a) Ongoing policies continue indefinitely (until a decision is made to cease or alter the program). Terminating measures end on a date set out in the initial policy and a further decision is required to continue the program beyond this date.

### Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(b)</sup>

Impact on	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5

(b) 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 for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.

**Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.**

The proposal has been costed as a specified amount.

**Where relevant, include separate identification of revenue and expense components.**

Not applicable.

**Where appropriate, include a range for the costing or sensitivity analysis.**

Not applicable.

**Qualifications to the costing (including reasons for the costing not being comprehensive).**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.**

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes that the Department of Social Services would absorb departmental and implementation expenses.

**Where relevant, explain the reason for any significant differences between the assumptions specified in a party costing request and those used in a Treasury or Finance costing.**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, include an explanation of the medium term implications of the proposal<sup>(c)</sup>.**

Not applicable. This policy terminates after four years.

(c) Information on the medium term implications will be provided if the cost of the policy is expected to be significantly different beyond the forward estimates period.

## **Background information**

### **Costing methodology used:**

This costing is based on the assumption that this proposal will be delivered as a grant to one or more providers, with equal funding provided in total each year.

It is assumed that the level and type of service to be provided will be determined as part of the grants process.

It is assumed there will not be any capital expenses.

### **Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate)**

Not applicable.