



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: ACCC Agriculture Unit - continuation	
Costing Identifier:	COA046
Summary of costing:	<p>The Coalition will provide \$2.7 million per annum from 2020-21 to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to continue the operations of its Agriculture Unit.</p> <p>The Unit will include a dedicated dairy advocate to focus on enforcement and compliance of the Dairy Mandatory Code of Conduct.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date) ^(a)	Ongoing
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	9 May 2019
Date of public release of policy:	8 May 2019
Date costing completed:	13 May 2019
Additional information requested (including date):	Not applicable.
Additional information received (including date):	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) ^(b)

Impact on	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7

(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 defined 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.

Not applicable.

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.

Other comments (including reasons for significant differences between the estimated impact on the fiscal and underlying cash balances).

In the 2019-20 Budget, the ACCC received \$2.7 million in 2019-20 to continue the operation of the Agriculture Unit for one year.

In the 2019-20 Budget, the ACCC also received funding over 11 years (\$2.2 million over four years from 2019-20) in relation to a mandatory code of conduct for the Australian dairy industry.

Where relevant, include an explanation of the medium term implications of the proposal^(c).

Not applicable.

(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:

Not applicable.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.