



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Veterans' Wellbeing Centres	
Costing Identifier:	COA052
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal would provide \$30.0 million to ex-service organisations and state and territory governments for the development of a network of Veterans' Wellbeing Centres (Centres).</p> <p>The Centres would be established across Australia and integrate government and non-government support for veterans with local health services, community organisations, advocacy and wellbeing support.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Terminating 30 June 2022
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	9 May 2019
Date of public release of policy:	24 April 2019
Date costing completed:	15 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	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0

(b) 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. A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual 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.

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes that any operating or capital expenses would be absorbed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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).

Not applicable.

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.

Funding for this commitment is capped at \$30.0 million over three years from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2022. Funding is split evenly at \$10.0 million each year and includes:

- \$5.0 million to support The Oasis Townsville;
- \$5.0 million to support the Returned and Services League of Australia Western Australia Branch to construct a new Veterans' Wellbeing Centre in Perth, to be known as Veterans' Central;
- \$5.0 million to support the creation of a Veterans' Wellbeing Centre at the Repat Hospital at Daw Park in Adelaide; and
- \$15.0 million (\$5.0 million each) to support the establishment, enhancement or redevelopment of Veterans' Wellbeing Centres in the Darwin, Nowra and Wodonga regions.

The costing assumes that total Government funding of \$30.0 million will be provided to ex-service organisations and state and territory governments.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.