



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: National Perinatal Mental Health Check	
Costing Identifier:	COA059
Summary of costing:	To provide \$36.0 million over three years from 2020-21 to deliver a national perinatal screening program, including additional funding for the Centre for Perinatal Excellence (COPE) to support the roll out of their perinatal mental health screening tool.
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Terminating (30 June 2023).
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	13 May 2019
Date of public release of policy:	12 May 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	0.0	-12.0	-12.0	-12.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	-12.0	-12.0	-12.0

(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.

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes that the Department of Health will absorb any associated departmental operating or capital 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.

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

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:

The program would provide \$36.0 million over three years from 2020-21 (\$12.0 million per year) for a national perinatal screening program for new and expected parents to ensure that any risk to their wellbeing is detected and managed early, and includes the following assumptions:

- \$20.0 million through a National Partnership Agreement with the states and territories to ensure a nationally consistent approach to perinatal mental health screening by providing a 'Mums, Dads and Bubs check' before leaving hospital; and
- \$16.0 million as a direct grant to the Centre of Perinatal Excellence to roll out a perinatal mental health screening tool.

Policy parameters

The proposal is to commence from 1 July 2020 as a program terminating on 30 June 2023.

Statistical data used

Not applicable.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate)

Not applicable.