



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

<b>Name of proposal costed: Achieving Better Health Outcomes</b>	
<b>Costing Identifier:</b>	COA065
<b>Summary of costing:</b>	The proposal is to provide \$3.4 million to fund the following health measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$1.4 million in 2020-21 towards the refurbishment of Deniliquin Hospital Emergency Department; and</li><li>- \$2.0 million over three years from 2019-20 to create a Central Coast General Practice Incentive Fund.</li></ul>
<b>Ongoing or Terminating (including date)<sup>(a)</sup></b>	Terminating (30 June 2022).
<b>Person making the request:</b>	Prime Minister.
<b>Date costing request received:</b>	14 May 2019
<b>Date of public release of policy:</b>	13 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	-0.7	-2.1	-0.7	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-0.7	-2.1	-0.7	0.0

(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, it is assumed 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<sup>(c)</sup>.**

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 proposal has been costed to provide grant payments (and payments to the New South Wales Government) as a defined amount of \$3.4 million over three years from 2019-20 that includes:

- \$1.4 million in 2020-21 towards the refurbishment of the Deniliquin Hospital Emergency Department.
- \$2.0 million over three years in grant payments to create a Central Coast General Practice Incentive Fund.

- **Policy parameters**

The policy is to start from 1 July 2019.

The state government is also providing funding for the redevelopment of Deniliquin Hospital. The Central Coast General Practice Incentive Fund will be managed by the Hunter, New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network in collaboration with the local Rural Workforce Agency.

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

Not applicable.