



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2022 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Powering Business	
Costing Identifier:	COA 012
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$60.0 million for capped grants to support energy efficient equipment upgrades for small and medium sized businesses.</p> <p>The maximum grant size will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 for small businesses; and • \$50,000 for medium-sized businesses. <p>A co-contribution will not be required from small businesses. Matched funding will be required from medium-sized businesses.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Terminating on 30 June 2024.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	2 May 2022.
Date of public release of policy:	26 April 2022.
Date costing completed:	9 May 2022.
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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Underlying Cash Balance (UCB) (\$m)	0.0	-20.0	-40.0	0.0	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-20.0	-40.0	0.0	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 UCB 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.

As specified in the costing request, the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources would absorb the associated departmental costs.

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. The medium term is considered to be the 7 years after the current forward estimates.

Background information

Costing methodology used:

The costing assumes:

- small businesses will not be required to make a co-contribution, while medium businesses will be required to make a co-contribution on a 1:1 basis.
- small businesses have a turnover of less than \$10.0 million and have up to 20 employees.
- medium businesses have a turnover of up to \$50 million and up to 200 employees.
- the minimum grant amount that will be provided to small and medium businesses is \$10,000.
- grants will be allocated taking into account their geographic location.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate):

Not applicable.