



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2022 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Protecting Australians Online	
Costing Identifier:	COA 013
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$33.0 million over four years from 2022-23 to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety Commissioner) for a Protecting Australians Online package, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$23.0 million for eSafety in schools, consisting of five components:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. providing material to every school in Australia to raise awareness of the services provided by eSafety;ii. additional resources and training to school children on emerging online safety and mental health issues;iii. in-person teacher training to help educators support students;iv. enhancing the eSafety Commissioner’s Online Safety Toolkit; andv. strengthening the Trusted eSafety Provider Program.• \$10.0 million for the eSafety Commissioner to further expand coordination with other regulatory and law enforcement agencies to make it easier for Australians to report online harms.
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Terminating on 30 June 2026.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	2 May 2022.
Date of public release of policy:	1 May 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	-7.0	-8.0	-9.0	-9.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-7.0	-8.0	-9.0	-9.0

(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.

All activities proposed would be departmental expenses for the eSafety Commissioner.

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 a specified amount of \$33.0 million is paid over four years from 2022-23, as per the funding profile provided in the request.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate):

Not applicable.