



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2022 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Veterans Package	
Costing Identifier:	COA 015
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$71.4 million over the forward estimates from 2022-23 for a Veterans Package, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) \$38.1 million over three years to support the establishment of a National Veteran Volunteer Service program in partnership with Disaster Relief Australia;(b) \$15.0 million over two years for three additional Veterans Wellbeing Centres;(c) \$2.0 million over two years as a contribution to veteran-led mental health charity Swiss 8;(d) \$10.0 million over four years in further support for the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program.(e) \$2.6 million over three years to establish a pilot program to provide early intervention specialist child and adolescent mental health support for children of current and former ADF members in three high-needs locations.(f) \$3.7 million over four years for a grants program to mark the private graves of veterans of the First World War who died post war and are at rest in Australian civil cemeteries.
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elements (a) and (e) terminate on 30 June 2025.• Elements (b) and (c) terminate on 30 June 2024.• Element (d) terminates on 30 June 2026.• Element (f) is ongoing with a start date of 1 July 2022.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	2 May 2022.
Date of public release of policy:	22 April 2022.
Date costing completed:	9 May 2022.
Additional information requested (including date):	Not applicable.

Additional information received (including date):	Not applicable.
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(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	-21.0	-28.7	-18.5	-3.2
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-21.0	-28.7	-18.5	-3.2

(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, total departmental expenses of \$3.7 million would be provided to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, including:

- \$3.3 million over the forward estimates (and \$0.6 million per year ongoing) to administer the grants program to mark the private graves of veterans who died post war; and
- \$0.4 million over the forward estimates for the pilot program for early intervention for children of ADF members.

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)

The proposal would have an ongoing impact of \$0.7 million per year from 2026-27 due to element (f).

(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:

This costing assumes a specified amount of \$71.4 million is paid over four years from 2022-23, as per the funding profile provided in the request. This comprises:

- (a) \$38.1 million over three years as a grant to support the establishment of a National Veteran Volunteer Service program in partnership with Disaster Relief Australia;
- (b) \$15.0 million over two years for three additional Veterans Wellbeing Centres based on \$5.0 million per centre.
- (c) \$2.0 million over two years as a contribution to veteran-led mental health charity Swiss 8;
- (d) \$10.0 million over four years in further support for the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program.
- (e) \$2.6 million over three years to establish a pilot program to provide early intervention specialist child and adolescent mental health support for children of current and former ADF members in three high-needs locations.
- (f) \$3.7 million over four years for a grants program to mark the private graves of veterans of the First World War who died post war and are at rest in Australian civil cemeteries.

Third parties will have a role in delivering the policy with Commonwealth funding for this proposal capped at the specified amounts.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate):

Not applicable