



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2022 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Defence Industry Pathways Program	
Costing Identifier:	COA 019
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$108.5 million over four years from 2022-23 to expand the Defence Industry Pathways Program (DIPP) to develop a nationwide entry level workforce for defence industry, with costs to be offset from the Defence Integrated Investment Program.</p> <p>The proposal builds on the \$10 million pilot program which commenced in 2021. It will increase the DIPP intake by up to 500 participants per year, for a total of 1,500 trainees by 30 June 2026, and would fully subsidise trainee wages (approximately \$45,000 per year per trainee) and expenses such as personal protection equipment.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Terminating on 30 June 2026.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	10 May 2022.
Date of public release of policy:	6 May 2022.
Date costing completed:	16 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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0	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.

Departmental costs would be offset from the Defence Integrated Investment Program.

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 that:

- the DIPP would be administered by the Department of Defence; and
- a specified amount of \$108.5 million is paid over four years from 2022-23 with the costs of the proposal and its administration to be offset from the Defence Integrated Investment Program.