



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2022 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Perinatal Mental Health Hubs	
Costing Identifier:	COA 024
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$25.7 million over four years from 2022-23 to the Gidget Foundation Australia (GFA) to establish 20 new hubs across the country to provide specialist perinatal mental health and wellbeing services to new and expecting parents.</p> <p>The proposal is ongoing with fixed costs of \$7.9 million per year to GFA from 2026-27 to continue the operation of the 20 new hubs.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date)^(a)	Ongoing. Start date of 1 July 2022.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister.
Date costing request received:	12 May 2022.
Date of public release of policy:	8 May 2022.
Date costing completed:	18 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	-2.0	-7.5	-8.3	-7.9
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-2.0	-7.5	-8.3	-7.9

(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 Health 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 proposal is an ongoing fixed rate grant to the Gidget Foundation Australia (GFA), to support the creation of 20 new hubs to provide perinatal psychological services to new and expecting parents. The hubs are proposed to be progressively rolled out as follows:

- 2022-23: 4 hubs.
- 2023-24: 16 hubs.
- 2024-25: 20 hubs.

The grant funding for new hubs is fixed at \$488,500 per hub in their first year and \$397,000 per hub annually from their second year onwards.

No indexation is applied to future years' costs.

It is assumed that costs outside the scope of the provision of psychological services, and any additional costs relating to the operation of the 20 new hubs will be covered through existing mechanisms established by GFA, including funding or in-kind contributions provided by third parties.

The total cost of the policy is \$25.65 million, this has been rounded to \$25.7 million.

Policy parameters

Any psychological and/or midwifery services provided by these new hubs would not be eligible for funding under the Medicare Benefits Schedule.