

APPENDIX C – PRO-FORMA REQUEST FOR COSTING AN ELECTION COMMITMENT¹

Name of policy	Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy Trial - expansion
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	26 April 2019
Date of request to cost the policy:	9 May 2019
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	The Coalition will invest \$60 million to further expand the successful Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy Trial to support employers in rural and regional Australia to take on even more apprentices.
Intention of policy:	This measure will expand the current successful trial program providing additional support for young Australians and small businesses across rural and regional Australia.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	This, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office
Description of policy (please note that, where the request to cost a proposal differs from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request)	
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:	
Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.	No
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?	Capped
Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy? If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to	No

¹ An electronic version of this pro-forma can be found at www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates.

be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?	
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	No
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Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?	This will expand the Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy trial, which provides subsidies for up to 1,630 eligible employers and commenced on 1 January 2019. The subsidy paid through the trial is in addition to standard incentives payments currently available to employers through the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.
If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program? Will funding/cost require indexation? If yes, list factors used.	Not applicable
What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?	\$12.7 million in 2019-20 \$23.6 million in 2020-21 \$16.6 million in 2021-22 \$7.1 million in 2022-23 Cash basis
Are the revenue and/or expense costs likely to be significantly different beyond the forward estimates period? If yes, why?	No

<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)?</p>	<p>This measure will support an expansion of the temporary wage subsidy incentive payments to employers of up to 1,630 eligible apprentices, with the cost associated with an expansion of places to be capped at \$60 million.</p> <p>Eligible apprentices are new workers undertaking apprenticeships full-time at the Certificate III and IV levels in occupations on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL) in rural and regional areas. Payments will be based on award wage rates, subsidising 75 per cent of the first year's wage, 50 per cent in the second year and 25 per cent in the third year. Apprenticeship durations of four years would have no subsidy provided for the fourth year.</p>
<p>Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What is the expected community impact of the policy? How many people or businesses will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?</p>	<p>The proposed expansion of the trial would benefit up to an additional 1,630 employers and full-time apprentices undertaking training at the Certificate III and IV levels in rural and regional and in areas of skills needs, as identified by the National Skills Needs List. Eligible apprentices are new workers and are not recommencing apprentices. Apprentice numbers will be based on a per capita distribution across states.</p>
<p>NOTE: it will be up to the professional judgment of the relevant Secretary as to whether these assumptions are adopted in a Treasury or Finance costing of the policy.</p>	

Administration of policy	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Education and Training
Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing? If no, will the Australian Government Entity be expected to absorb expenses associated with this policy? If yes, please specify the key assumptions, including whether departmental costs are expected with respect to program management (by policy agencies) and additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	No Department of Education and Training to absorb any associated departmental operating or capital expenses.
Intended date of implementation.	1 July 2019
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No
Will the policy be ongoing or terminating*?	Terminating
If terminating: What is the intended date of termination? Are there any transitional arrangements associated with the conclusion of the policy?	30 June 2023
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	Not applicable
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No

* 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.