

## APPENDIX C – PRO-FORMA REQUEST FOR COSTING AN ELECTION COMMITMENT<sup>1</sup>

| Name of policy  | Veterans' Wellbeing Centres  |
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| Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party): | Prime Minister   |
| Date of public release of policy:   | 24 April 2019  |
| Date of request to cost the policy:   | 9 May 2019   |
| Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):                          | <p>The Coalition will invest \$30 million for the development of a network of Veterans' Wellbeing Centres in partnership with ex-service organisations and state governments.</p> <p>The Centres will be established across Australia in areas with significant numbers of veterans and transitioning members by the relevant state government or ex-service organisation. There will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5 million to support The Oasis Townsville.</li> <li>• \$5 million to support the RSL WA to construct a new Veteran Central facility in Perth.</li> <li>• \$5 million to support the creation of a veterans' wellbeing centre at the revitalised Repat Hospital at Daw Park in Adelaide.</li> <li>• \$15 million (\$5 million each) to support the establishment, enhancement or redevelopment of centres in the Darwin, Nowra and Wodonga regions.</li> </ul> |
| Intention of policy:  | These centres will support co-location of veterans' support services and allow for closer integration and coordination of government and non-government support, including connections   |

<sup>1</sup> An electronic version of this pro-forma can be found at [www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates](http://www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates).

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|   | with local health services, community organisations and advocacy and wellbeing support.                     |
| 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 |
| <p><b>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)</b></p> <p><b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b></p>                           |   |
| Is the policy part of a package?<br>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?<br>If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?   | The policy will be delivered in partnership with ex-service organisations and state governments.            |
| Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?<br>If yes, please provide details.   | No  |
| <p><b>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)</b></p> <p><b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b></p> <p><b>(continued)</b></p> |   |
| Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure?<br>If yes, which measure?  | No  |
| If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program? Will funding/cost require indexation?<br>If yes, list factors used.   | Not applicable  |

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| What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?   | \$10.0 million in 2019-20<br>\$10.0 million in 2020-21<br>\$10.0 million in 2021-22<br>Cash basis                        |
| Are the revenue and/or expense costs likely to be significantly different beyond the forward estimates period? If yes, why?   | No   |
| 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)?   | Not applicable   |
| Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?  | No   |
| What is the expected community impact of the policy?<br>How many people or businesses will be affected by the policy?<br>What is the likely take up?<br>What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions? | The policy is expected to have a positive impact on veterans and the broader community in the selected centre locations. |
| <b>NOTE:</b> 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.                                       |  |

| <b>Administration of policy</b>   |  |
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| Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc.)?  | Department of Veterans' Affairs  |
| Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing?<br>If no, will the Australian Government Entity be expected to absorb expenses associated with this policy?<br>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<br>Department of Veterans' Affairs 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:<br>What is the intended date of termination?<br>Are there any transitional arrangements associated with the conclusion of the policy?   | 30 June 2022   |
| 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.