



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Additional Mental Health support for Commercial Fishers	
Costing Identifier:	COA027
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is to provide \$600,000 over two years from 2019-20 to Seafood Industry Australia to support up to 10 mental health advocates.</p> <p>Funding will support training for trusted advocates to assist them to provide information about the availability of services within their community and to facilitate mental health support.</p>
Ongoing or Terminating (including date) ^(a)	Terminating (30 June 2021)
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	9 May 2019
Date of public release of policy:	2 May 2019
Date costing completed:	14 May 2019
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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Underlying Cash Balance (\$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 underlying cash balance 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.

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes the Department of Health will absorb any associated departmental operating or capital expenses.

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.

Background information

Costing methodology used:

- **Costing techniques**

The proposal has been costed as a specified grant amount of \$600,000 over two years from 2019-20 to Seafood Industry Australia to support up to 10 mental health trusted advocates.

The costs of the proposal will be funded through the existing Program 2.1, Mental Health, administered by the Department of Health, which has sufficient uncommitted funding and, therefore there is no impact on underlying cash.

- **Policy parameters**

The policy is to commence from 1 July 2019 and is to terminate on 30 June 2021. The intent of the policy is to reduce the high level of psychological distress among commercial fishers.

- **Statistical data used**

Not applicable.