

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

Name of policy	The Coalition's Policy for Better and More Accessible Digital Services
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	16/06/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	23/6/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<p>This policy will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invest \$50 million to modernise myGov and streamline the myGov process; • deliver a digital transformation roadmap for government by November 2016; and • establish a taskforce in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to reform government ICT procurement policies.
Intention of policy:	This will accelerate the digitisation of government services and drive innovation in government.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	This policy has not been submitted to the PBO.
<p>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)</p> <p>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</p>	
<p>Is the policy part of a package?</p> <p>If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.</p>	No.
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?	N/A - no financial impact.
<p>Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy?</p> <p>If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?</p>	No.

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

<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>The digital transformation roadmap and taskforce will be delivered from within the existing resources of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the DTO and the Department of Finance.</p>
<p>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)</p> <p>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</p> <p>(continued)</p>	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?</p>	<p>Yes. The \$50 million to modernise and streamline myGov was announced in the 2016-17 Budget measure <i>myGov operations</i>.</p>
<p>If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the programme? Will funding/cost require indexation? If yes, list factors used.</p>	<p>Departmental costs are to be absorbed within existing resources as above.</p>
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	<p>This policy will not have an impact on the underlying cash or fiscal balance.</p>
<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>N/A.</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 will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?</p>	<p>The policy is expected to have a positive impact on the community as it will help to accelerate the digitisation of government services. All Australians seeking to access government services online will be able to.</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)?	The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing? If no, will the Department 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 programme management (by policy agencies) and additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	Departmental expenses relating to this policy are to be absorbed within existing resources.
Intended date of implementation.	As soon as practicable in 2016-17.
Intended duration of policy.	Funding provided for myGov modernisation is over the four years to 2019-20. The roadmap is to be delivered by November 2016. The taskforce is ongoing subject to review of policy outcomes.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	N/A.
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.