

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

<b>Name of policy</b>	
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	21/06/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	23/6/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Sponsored parents of Australian citizens and permanent residents may be issued with an enhanced visitor visa of up to five years, provided they can demonstrate that they hold adequate private health insurance from an Australian providers and pay a bond based on the existing Assurance of Support Scheme.
Intention of policy:	To enable sponsored parents of Australian citizens and permanent residents to visit their family in Australia for a continuous period of up to five years.
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.
<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>	
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b>	
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 at zero cost.
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 be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?	The sponsor or an assurer for an applicant for an enhanced visitor visa will pay a bond. The visa-holder will not have access to welfare payments or medicare, and will also need full private health insurance from an Australian provider. There is no cost to Government.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?	To be granted an enhanced visitor visa, an applicant will need to demonstrate that they

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If yes, please provide details.	hold adequate private health insurance from an Australian provider and their sponsor will be required to pay a bond based on the existing Assurance of Support Scheme.
<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? If yes, which measure?	No
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.	N/A
What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?	This policy is expected to have net nil impact on the UCB and fiscal balance.
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)?	N/A
Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?	No.
<p>What is the expected community impact of the policy?</p> <p>How many people will be affected by the policy?</p> <p>What is the likely take up?</p> <p>What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?</p>	<p>This policy will have a positive effect on the community by easing family and community pressures of recently migrated Australians and permanent residents.</p> <p>This policy will also improve public support and confidence in the migration programme by providing familial support for newly migrated Australians and permanent residents integrating into Australian society.</p>
<p><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.</p>	

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	Department of Immigration and Border Protection
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).	No. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection will absorb any processing costs associated with this policy.
Intended date of implementation.	During the 2016-17 fiscal year.
Intended duration of policy.	Ongoing.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.