

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

Name of policy	Domestic and family violence – new initiatives
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	12 May 2016 - \$30 million for legal services 17 June 2016 - \$20 million to prevent domestic violence 20 June 2016 - \$25 million to address domestic violence in indigenous communities. 21 June 2016 - \$15 million for frontline services for domestic violence
Date of request to cost the policy:	23 June 2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	\$90 million to fund the Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022. These initiatives are based on advice from the COAG Advisory Panel on Domestic Violence led by Ken Lay and Rosie Batty.
Intention of policy:	The policy delivers on our commitment to keeping women and children safe from domestic. The policy measures will improve and increase funding for services for domestic violence, to ensure victims and their family members obtain the timely support they require.
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.
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 amount.

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

<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>	<p>Yes. States and Territories</p> <p>Australian Government funding is capped at \$100 million.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>No.</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?</p> <p>If yes, which measure?</p>	<p>Yes, 2016-17 Budget Paper 2 p141, <i>Domestic and Family Violence – new initiatives to break the cycle of violence</i>. All elements of this package will be funded through this measure.</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?</p> <p>If yes, list factors used.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	<p>The policy will have nil impact on UCB and 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?</p> <p>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?</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>The impact on the community is expected to be positive, as the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022, will support victims of domestic violence.</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 Social Services.
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).	All funding for this policy is departmental.
Intended date of implementation.	As soon as practicable starting 2016-17.
Intended duration of policy.	Until 1 July 2019.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	These initiatives are based on advice from the COAG Advisory Panel on Domestic Violence led by Ken Lay and Rosie Batty.
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.