



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

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Name of proposal costed: Encourage More Clinical Trials in Australia	
Costing Identifier:	COA 006
Summary of costing:	The proposal will provide funding of \$7.0 million over the forward estimates to assist in the nationalisation of clinical trial standards and to develop a streamlined assessment and authorisation process for clinical trials. Funding will be ongoing, with a review in 2019-20.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	17/06/2016
Date of public release of policy:	20/05/2016
Date costing completed:	24/06/2016
Additional information requested (including date):	Not applicable.
Additional information received (including date):	Not applicable.

Financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)

Impact on	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	-2.5	-2.5	-1.0	-1.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	-2.5	-2.5	-1.0	-1.0

(a) 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.

Not applicable.

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.



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Qualifications to the costing (including reasons for the costing not being comprehensive).

Not applicable.

Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.

As specified in the costing request, the costs for this proposal are all expected to be departmental costs associated with implementing the proposal.

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).

Not applicable.

Background information

Costing methodology used:

- **Costing techniques.**

The proposal will continue and expand on existing funding provided to the National Health and Medical Research Council to administer the *Australian Government Clinical Trials Initiative*, in conjunction with the Department of Health and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

Under this proposal, funding would be increased in 2016-17 by \$2.5 million to \$3.6 million and \$2.5 million would be provided in 2017-18 to support the acceleration of the program and support negotiations with state and territories. Funding of \$1.0 million per annum in later years would be provided for ongoing support for the clinical trial landscape consistent with existing funding.

Any additional administrative costs for the Department of Health would be met from within the funding amount or from within existing resourcing.

Any amounts which may be provided to state and territory governments to support their participation in the reform process, particularly in relation to aligning regulatory requirements between the states, would be met from within the funding amount.

- **Policy parameters.**

The proposal seeks to remove red tape barriers to conducting clinical trials in Australia by implementing a national system of research ethics approvals and a consistent process for research governance for authorising and conducting clinical trials in Australia.



National research ethics approvals would consider other Government priorities, including advice from the Australian Medical Research Future Fund Advisory Body.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.



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