



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

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Name of proposal costed: Yellow Crazy Ants Eradication Fund	
Costing Identifier:	COA 007
Summary of costing:	The policy would provide \$8.8 million over three years from 2016-17 fully offset to assist in resourcing pest technicians to detect and eradicate ants through baiting and building farmer capacity. Example activities would include detection, mapping, ground-baiting and aerial treatments by helicopter. This policy will be funded from the National Landcare Program - Emerging priorities measure in the 2016-17 Budget and the Established Pest and Weeds program.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	17/06/2016
Date of public release of policy:	18/05/2016
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)(b)}

Impact on	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

(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.

(b) The cost of this proposal (\$8.8 million over three years from 2016-17) will be provided through the *National Landcare Program – emerging priorities* measure in the 2016-17 Budget and the *Established Pest and Weeds* program.



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Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.

The proposal has been costed as a specified amount of \$8.8 million, as outlined above.

The proposal will have nil fiscal impact overall. The \$8.8 million to be provided for the policy will be offset by a redirection of \$7.5 million from the *National Landcare Program – emerging priorities* and \$1.3 million from the *Established Pests and Weeds* program.

Funding Profile	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Cost (\$)	-3.3	-4.0	-1.5	0.0

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.

As specified in the costing request, the National Heritage Trust (NHT) component of the program would be administered through the NHT, with funding decisions made by the Minister for the Environment. Further funding may be available from the Queensland Government, and any payments to be made to Queensland Government agencies would be administered through existing governance channels under the NHT.

As specified in the costing request, the *Established Pests and Weeds* program would be managed by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Departmental costs associated with administering funding and implementing associated regulatory changes will be managed within the existing resources.

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:

Not applicable.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.



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