



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2016 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: The Coalition's policy to support traditional land owners to control their land	
Costing Identifier:	COA 013
Summary of costing:	<p>This policy would allow traditional owners of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory (NT) to access funding held in the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) so that they could engage expert advice and administrative support when making decisions about the use and administration of their land. This money would be made available under a new ABA funding stream.</p> <p>This policy would also redirect funding of \$250,000 per year from the existing resources of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) to the Aboriginal Land Commissioner (ALC) to assist with the settlement of outstanding land claims.</p>
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	17/06/2016
Date of public release of policy:	31/05/2016
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 the proposal is fully offset.



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

As specified in the costing request, funding provided under this policy would be met from within the existing resourcing of the ABA and the IAS.

Where relevant, include separate identification of revenue and expense components.

Not applicable. The policy does not propose any changes to the handling of ABA revenue.

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).

The amount of funding to be made directly available to traditional owners has not been identified in the costing request. Any costs would need to be met from within the existing resourcing of the ABA.

As specified in the costing request, this costing assumes that \$250,000 per year (\$1 million over four years) would be provided to settle outstanding claims by the ALC and that this cost would be met from within the existing resourcing of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.

As specified in the costing request, any departmental costs associated with administering the new funding stream of the ABA will be met from within existing resources of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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.

