



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2016 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

<b>Name of proposal costed: The Coalition's Policy to Increase Research and Community Engagement in Gas Policy</b>	
<b>Costing Identifier:</b>	COA 019
<b>Summary of costing:</b>	<p>The commitment is to provide \$4.0 million over four years (to 2019-20) to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to undertake further research and to engage with the community using the Gas Industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance (GISERA) model.</p> <p>The policy will be administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. All departmental expenses associated with the policy will be absorbed by the Department.</p>
<b>Person making the request:</b>	Prime Minister
<b>Date costing request received:</b>	17/06/2016
<b>Date of public release of policy:</b>	06/06/2016
<b>Date costing completed:</b>	24/06/2016
<b>Additional information requested (including date):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Additional information received (including date):</b>	Not applicable.

### Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(a)</sup>

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

The proposal has been costed as a capped amount of \$4.0 million.



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**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).**

The costing assumes the capped amount of \$4.0 million will be distributed evenly across the four years.

**Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.**

As specified in the costing request, any departmental costs associated with administering this policy will be met from within existing resources of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

**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:**

The costing request specifies that the policy will provide \$4.0 million to the CSIRO over the four years to 2019-20.

**Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).**

Not applicable.

