



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2016 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: Our Plan to Keep Illegal Guns off Our Streets and Our communities Safe	
Costing Identifier:	COA 040
Summary of costing:	<p>The proposal is made up of three components to ensure a safe and secure Australia by investing \$64.0 million to tackle the threat of illegal firearms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$38.9 million over two years (2017-18 and 2018-19) to extend the National Anti-Gangs Squad (NAGS);• \$12.6 million over three years to extend the AFP's National Forensic Rapid Lab (NFRL) to include firearms capability; and• \$12.8 million over three years to enhance AFP's online and offshore covert capabilities to disrupt and deter firearm-related crimes.
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	27/06/2016
Date of public release of policy:	26/06/2016
Date costing completed:	30/06/2016
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)	-10.36	-26.95	-26.95	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	-10.36	-26.95	-26.95	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.

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

As specified in the costing request, this proposal has been costed as a specified amount of \$64.0 million over the Forward Estimates.

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

This is an expense measure with no revenue component.

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 is based on the following assumptions:

- NAGS extension is based on the costs of three existing measures (the original 2013-14 Budget measure *Addressing gang violence and organised crime – National Anti-Gang Taskforce, Gang Intelligence Centre and Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce* and the establishment of WA and SA Strike teams at the 2014-15 and 2016-17 Budgets respectively), which would all otherwise terminate on 30 June 2017;
- NFRL firearms capability assumes 10 Average Staffing Level (ASL) in each year and capital costs of \$1.4 million; and
- Enhanced covert capabilities assumes 16 ASL in each year and capital costs of \$1.5 million.

Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.

The costing request is to provide departmental funding (including \$2.9 million capital funding) to the AFP.

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.



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