



Australian Government
Department of Finance
The Treasury

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Name of proposal costed: The Coalition's Policy to Strengthen Mental Health Care in Australia	
Costing Identifier:	COA 042
Summary of costing:	The policy would provide \$192.3 million to strengthen mental health care in Australia.
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)	-38.6	-62.0	-80.2	-11.5
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	-38.6	-62.0	-80.2	-11.5

(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 costings reflect capped funding of \$192.3 million in total for the delivery of the announced package of mental health reforms.

	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m	2019-20 \$m	Total
Early Youth Psychosis Youth Service centres	11.8	33.0	47.2		92.0
New headspace sites	2.3	4.5	6.0	7.5	20.3
8 trial suicide prevention sites	8.0	8.0	8.0		24.0
Primary Health Network (PHN) mental health and suicide prevention lead sites	1.5	1.5	4.0		7.0
Suicide prevention trial site evaluation	1.0	1.0	1.0		3.0
Suicide Prevention Research Fund	1.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	12.0
Digital - new technology trials	10.0	10.0	10.0		30.0
Lifeline crisis text trial	1.5	1.0			2.5
Mental health nurses	1.5				1.5
Total	38.6	62.0	80.2	11.5	192.3

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, any departmental costs associated with administering this policy will be met from within the existing resources of the Department of Health.



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.**

For the *Early Psychosis Youth Service centres, new headspace sites, 8 trial suicide prevention sites, PHN mental health and suicide prevention lead sites, and suicide prevention trial site evaluation*, costing assumptions are informed by previous work on costing mental health initiatives, and includes adjustments for efficiencies from the increasing role of PHNs.

Suicide Prevention Research Fund, Lifeline crisis text trial, Digital – new technology trials and Mental health nurses have funding capped at specified amounts.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.

