

APPENDIX C – PRO-FORMA REQUEST FOR COSTING AN ELECTION COMMITMENT¹

Name of policy	The Coalition's Policy to Expand Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths through P-TECH Style Pilot Schools
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	30/05/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	17/06/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	The policy will provide an additional \$4.6 million over four years from 2016-17 to expand the Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH) pilot.
Intention of policy:	The policy will establish 12 new pilot sites.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	This policy has not previously been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office.
Description of policy (please note that, where the request to cost a proposal differs from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request)	
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:	
Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.	n/a
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?	Funding will be capped.
Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy? If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?	n/a

¹ An electronic version of this pro-forma can be found at www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates.

If yes, please provide details.	
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<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure?</p> <p>If yes, which measure?</p>	<p>The Government provided funding of \$0.5 million over two years from 2015-16 as seed funding to pilot a P-TECH site in Geelong in the 2014-15 MYEFO.</p>
<p>If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the programme? Will funding/cost require indexation?</p> <p>If yes, list factors used.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	<p>The policy will have a negative UCB impact of \$4.6 million over the forward estimates</p>
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)?</p>	<p>Costing assumptions are \$4.6 million for seed funding for 12 new pilot sites.</p>
<p>Has the policy been costed by a third party?</p> <p>If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>What is the expected community impact of the policy?</p> <p>How many people will be affected by the policy?</p> <p>What is the likely take up?</p> <p>What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?</p>	<p>P-TECHs are expected to improve STEM related results and employment outcomes for students.</p>
<p>NOTE: it will be up to the professional judgment of the relevant Secretary as to whether these assumptions are adopted in a Treasury or Finance costing of the policy.</p>	

Administration of policy	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	The program will be administered by the Department of Education and Training consistent with current arrangements for the existing pilot.
Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing? If no, will the Department be expected to absorb expenses associated with this policy? If yes, please specify the key assumptions, including whether departmental costs are expected with respect to programme management (by policy agencies) and additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	Any departmental costs associated with the expansion of the pilot will be met from within existing resources of the Department of Education and Training.
Intended date of implementation.	1 September 2016
Intended duration of policy.	Funding is provided until 2019-20, subject to review in 2019.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	n/a
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	The policy will be evaluated in 2019-20 to ensure it meets objectives.