

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

Name of policy	The Coalition's policy to support traditional land owners to control their land
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	31/05/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	17/06/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	The policy seeks to allow owners of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory to access funding held in the Aboriginals Benefit Account. Funding will also be provided to the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to assist with the settlement of outstanding land claims.
Intention of policy:	The intention of the policy is to allow traditional owners of the land to engage expert advice and administrative support when making decisions about the use and administration of their land.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	The policy has not previously been submitted to the PBO.
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.	No.
Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?	Capped.

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

<p>Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy?</p> <p>If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>Yes. Funding for the Aboriginal Land Commissioner will be provided from within existing resources of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.</p>
<p>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)</p> <p>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including: (continued)</p>	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure?</p> <p>If yes, which measure?</p>	<p>No.</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>Funding is to be redirected from existing programmes.</p>
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	<p>This policy will have nil UCB impact.</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>It has been assumed that no additional funding will be provided under the ABA. Rather, a new funding stream will be made available under the existing ABA.</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>The policy will support traditional land owners to control their land.</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 policy will be administered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, consistent with the current administration of the ABA.
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).	Funding for the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to assist in settling outstanding claims has been provided at \$0.250 million per year, to be redirected from existing funding. No additional funding will be provided to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to administer the new funding stream of the ABA.
Intended date of implementation.	1 January 2017
Intended duration of policy.	Ongoing, to be reviewed 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.