

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

Name of policy	Support Veterans and Their Families
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	25 June 2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	27 June 2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	This policy continues to support Australia's veterans by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting veterans mental health; • Streamlining the claims process; • Supporting female veterans; and • Supporting our younger veterans.
Intention of policy:	To continue supporting Australia's veterans.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	This policy has not 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?	Counselling services funding is demand driven. All other funding is 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? If yes, please provide details.	No.

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

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<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? 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? 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>This policy will cost a total of \$14.9 million. The profile across years is below. 2016-17: \$4.225 million 2017-18: \$4.225 million 2018-19: \$4.225 million 2019-20: \$2.225 million</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 is assumed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of the Centenary Institute will cost \$2 million each year, over the three years to 2018-19. • The extension of access to the Veterans and Veterans Families Council Service will cost \$0.775 million each year over the forward estimates. • The additional amount veterans can be reimbursed for obtaining medical reports will cost \$0.3 million each year over the forward estimates. • Establishing a Female Veterans Policy Forum will cost \$0.15 million each year over the forward estimates. • Support for younger veterans will cost \$1 million each year over the forward estimates.
<p>Has the policy been costed by a third party? 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>It is expected that this policy will have a positive impact on the community as it will provide additional support for veterans.</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 Department of Veterans Affairs.
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).	Departmental expenses are to be absorbed by the Department.
Intended date of implementation.	As soon as practicable in 2016-17.
Intended duration of policy.	Ongoing, subject to review in 2019-20.
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?	No.