

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

Name of policy	Protecting, Preserving and Celebrating Indigenous Languages
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	26 June 2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	27 June 2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of	<p>The Government will work with local language groups to identify how best to protect and preserve Indigenous languages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capturing local languages while respecting cultural sensitivities through crowd sourcing - Enhancing crowdsourcing costume websites for storage of languages - Recognising local languages through signage of local place names and major landmarks
Intention of policy	<p>Our vision is for an Australia where respect for our rich diversity begins with respect for the world's oldest continuing culture, that of our First Australians.</p> <p>We will ensure survival and revival of Indigenous languages, and that languages are celebrated publicly in the wider community.</p>
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.

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

<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:</p>	
<p>Is the policy part of a package?</p> <p>If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</p>	<p>Yes, capped at \$10 million.</p>
<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>The Australian Government will work with the Indigenous language groups and experts to deliver the policy.</p> <p>The Australian Government's contribution is capped at \$10 million.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>No.</p>
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<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>N/A</p>
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	<p>\$2.5 million a year over four years.</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>N/A</p>
<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? How many people will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?</p>	<p>Currently the Government supports over 60 language activities, including a network of over 50 Indigenous Language organisations, community language teams, the development of language resources and the promotion of Australia's first languages in the wider community.</p> <p>Through an accessible and culturally appropriate digital platform, more communities can protect and preserve their languages.</p> <p>Language is important for the wellbeing and identity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.</p> <p>This policy will build on the existing work of language groups to protect and preserve language, and use local languages for signage of place names and landmarks to celebrate our First Australians.</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>	
<p>Administration of policy</p>	
<p>Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?</p>	<p>Australian Government Department of Communications and the Arts with other relevant agencies.</p>

<p>Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing?</p> <p>If no, will the Department be expected to absorb expenses associated with this policy?</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>No, agencies will be expected to absorb the cost of administering the policy.</p>
<p>Intended date of implementation.</p>	<p>From September 2016.</p>
<p>Intended duration of policy.</p>	<p>Four years</p>
<p>Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).</p>	<p>ABS population data.</p>
<p>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?</p>	<p>No</p>