

## APPENDIX C – PRO-FORMA REQUEST FOR COSTING AN ELECTION COMMITMENT<sup>1</sup>

Name of policy	Improving the digital confidence and skills of senior Australians
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	26/06/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	27/06/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<p>To develop a strategy to improve digital literacy for senior Australians.</p> <p>The policy will leverage existing community infrastructure such as libraries, retirement villages, community centres, CWA halls, and aged care facilities to support senior Australians develop the confidence and skills they need to use their smart device and stay connected.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart device training, delivered in partnership with existing organisations</li> <li>• Small technology grants for libraries, aged care facilities, retirement villages and community centres to purchase equipment like smart devices (modelled on the existing volunteer grants funded by the Department of Social Services)</li> <li>• Measures to ensure older Australians are safe online</li> </ul>
Intention of policy:	To ensure senior Australians have the confidence and skills to use smart devices and stay connected with family and friends and participate online.

<sup>1</sup> An electronic version of this pro-forma can be found at [www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates](http://www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates).

<p>Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office</p>	<p>This policy has not been submitted to the PBO.</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:</p>	
<p>Is the policy part of a package? 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>Capped at \$50 million.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The Australian Government will work with the community sector to deliver the policy. The Australian Government's contribution is capped at \$50 million.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>No.</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? 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>\$12.5 million a year over four years.</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)?	It assumes capped funding of \$12.5 million each year over the four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20, to be delivered via the community sector.
Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?	No.
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?	It is expected that the impact will be positive as it will assist senior Australians to use smart devices and participate online safely.
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.	
<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	The Department of Social Services in consultation with other relevant agencies.
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).	No, agencies will be expected to absorb the cost of administering the policy.
Intended date of implementation.	As soon as practicable in 2016-17.
Intended duration of policy.	Four years
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	ABS population data.
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.

