

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

<b>Name of policy</b>	<b>The Coalition's Policy to Boost the Learning for Life Programme</b>
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 relevant policy documents):	This proposal would provide an additional \$48.0 million for The Smith Family's Learning for Life programme, to help disadvantaged students to complete year 12 and advance to work, or further education and training.
Intention of policy:	Support disadvantaged students to stay at school, complete year 12 and go on to work or further education and training
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	This has not been submitted to the PBO.
<b>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)</b>	
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b>	
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
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?	Yes, the Smith Family will have a role in delivering the policy. The Government contribution is capped.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	No

<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).

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**What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:  
(continued)**

<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>No</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 fiscal and underlying cash balance impact of \$48.0 million over the forward estimates to 2019-20: 2016-17: -\$5.7 million 2017-18: - \$10.1 million 2018-19: - \$13.8 million 2019-20: - \$18.4 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 the capped funding as above will allow the Smith Family to deliver a total of 24,000 scholarships via the Learning for Life programme.</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>24,000 extra disadvantaged students will be provided with a scholarship under the Learning for Life programme.  The Smith Family will deliver the programme based on need, priorities, community circumstances and Smith Family's capacity to deliver the programme effectively.</p>
<p><b>NOTE:</b> 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>	

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	The Smith Family
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).	Department to absorb
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).	N/A
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.