



Policy costing request—during the caretaker period for a general election

Name of policy:	Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis
Person requesting costing:	Senator Di Natale
Parliamentary party:	Australian Greens
Date of request to cost the policy:	30 June 2016
<i>Note: This policy costing request and the response to this request will be made publicly available.</i>	
Has a costing of this policy been requested under Section 29 of the Charter of Budget Honesty (ie from the Treasury or the Department of Finance)?	No
Details of the public release of this policy (Date, by whom and a reference to that release):	26 May 2016 and 20 June 2016 Senator Larissa Waters http://greens.org.au/domestic-violence http://greens.org.au/prevent-violence

Description of policy	
<p>Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):</p>	<p>Fund a national peak body for specialist domestic violence services with \$8 million over 4 years</p> <p>Funding for specialist domestic violence services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated and secure funding along with funding increases for specialist domestic violence services, will allow them to deliver the holistic “wrap around” services needed by women and children fleeing violence. • A new ten-year National Partnership Agreement for the Prevention Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women between the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. This new agreement would provide dedicated, secure, long term funding for specialist domestic violence services. • Funding will be \$500 million per year for a total of \$5 billion over ten years, commencing in July 2017 [\$2 billion over 4 years] <p>Specialist domestic violence courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a national rollout of specialist domestic violence courts, by investing \$20 million in a program of training, information sharing and extra resources to assist State and Territory governments to set up specialist domestic violence courts. [\$20 million over 2 years]. <p>Making our family law system safe - \$60m over 4 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a special process in family courts for domestic violence cases, supported by specialist services placed in court registries focusing on early intervention and risk assessment - \$5 million per year. [\$20 million over four years] • Provide legally assisted and supported family dispute resolution in domestic violence cases based on the highly effective 2012 Co-ordinated Family Dispute Resolution pilot - \$10 million per year. [\$40 million over four years] <p>Primary Prevention and Gender equality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded and secure funding for Our Watch, the primary prevention experts, until at least 2022. The Greens would provide an extra \$1 million per year, plus an additional funding for <i>The Line</i> social marketing campaign at \$2 million per year. [\$12 million over 4 years] • A national rollout of respectful relationships in schools - \$10 million over 4 years • Building an expert primary prevention workforce - \$18 million over 6 years or \$12m over 4 years
<p>What is the purpose or intention of the policy?</p>	<p>To provide services for all victims fleeing domestic violence.</p>
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:	
<p>Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list the components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.</p>	<p>No</p>

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Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? If a capped amount, are the costs of administering the policy to be included within the capped amount or additional to the capped amount?	Capped amounts			
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?	Involves a new National Partnership Agreement with States, and payment to states and service providers.			
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	No			
Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?	No			
If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program?	No			
Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.	Indexation at CPI			
Expected impacts of the proposal				
If applicable, what are the estimated costs each year? If available, please provide details in the table below. Are these provided on an underlying cash balance or fiscal balance basis?				
Estimated financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)				
	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
Underlying cash balance (\$m)				
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-\$528	-\$528	-\$526	-\$526
(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number in the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.				
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)?	Nil			

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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?	Increased access to domestic violence services.
Administration of policy:	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	The Australian government, in partnership with State and Territory governments. Specific grants aside from the proposed new NPA will be administered by the Australian government departments of Social Services.
Please specify whether any special administrative arrangements are proposed for the policy and whether these are expected to involve additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	Where expenses are administered expenditure, administration costs will be additional to the capped amounts.
Intended date of implementation:	1 September 2016
Intended duration of policy:	10 years for some elements – otherwise as noted
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS catalogue number 3201.0).	N/A
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No
<p>NOTE:</p> <p><i>Please note that:</i></p> <p><i>The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.</i></p> <p><i>The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requestor. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requestor in advance of the costing being completed.</i></p>	

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Measure (\$m)	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	Measure total
<u>Specialist DV Services</u>					
New NPA on Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women	500	500	500	500	2000
<u>National peak body for specialist DV services</u>	2	2	2	2	8
<u>Specialist DV courts - facilitating wider roll out</u>	2.5	2.5	0	0	5
<u>Making family law safe</u>					
Special process in FC for DV cases	5	5	5	5	20
Legally assisted dispute resolution	10	10	10	10	40
<u>Primary Prevention and Gender Inequality</u>					
Our Watch	3	3	3	3	12
Primary Prevention Workforce Development	3	3	3	3	12
Respectful relationships rollout	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	10
Total new federal spending	\$528	\$528	\$526	\$526	\$2,107