



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

Name of policy:	Community Sports
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):	11 June 2016, Senator Richard Di Natale http://greens.org.au/community-sport
Description of policy	
Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<p>A fixed cost policy to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20 million over four years of the forward estimates for a community sports initiative to address the barriers to participation for disadvantaged families <p>The program will commence as a trial delivered through the Australian Sports Commission targeting areas of disadvantage as a priority. The Commission will work with local government to deliver the sports libraries element of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$4 million over four years of the forward estimates in a grant for a new Reink National Program targeting assistance to sports and recreation programs in regional and rural communities with higher levels of disadvantage. <p>This grant will also be administered by the Australian Sports Commission.</p> <p>http://greens.org.au/community-sport</p>

<p>What is the purpose or intention of the policy?</p>	<p>The expense of obtaining equipment can be a real barrier to participating in sport. The Greens' Community Sports initiative will inject \$20 million dollars into improved access to sport through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million in direct financial support to families for costs associated with kids' participation in sport such as membership fees. • \$9.5 million in grants to help set up local sports libraries where kids and local sports programs can borrow equipment. • \$500,000 in assistance to help volunteers and sports clubs navigate the legal and organisational barriers to volunteering, including a hotline and assistance with the cost of qualifications such as first aid certificates. <p>The Greens will also fund \$4.0M over 4 years for a new ReLink National Program to build capacity in regional and rural communities to better respond to the needs of thousands of young people experiencing disadvantage.</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 the 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? If a capped amount, are the costs of administering the policy to be included within the capped amount or additional to the capped amount?</p>	<p>Capped – fixed cost investment.</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>Yes, the Australian Sports Commission will work with local government to deliver the sports libraries element of the program (\$9.5 million in grants to help set up local sports libraries where kids and local sports programs can borrow equipment) – local government costs to be absorbed within the \$9.5 million budget envelope of the initiative.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>No</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 program?</p>	<p>No</p>

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Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.	No			
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)	-6	-6	-6	-6
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-6	-6	-6	-6
(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)?	Fixed cost investment.			
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?	The \$20m element will be undertaken as a trial through the Australian Sports Commission with targeting to areas of high need. The Reclink National Program will be a grant to Reclink, a NGO.			
Administration of policy:				
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	Australian Sports Commission			
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).	Nil			
Intended date of implementation:	1 September 2016			

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Intended duration of policy:	4 years
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

NOTE:

Please note that:

The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.

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.