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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Transport* (letter of 3 September 2013).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (<http://aph.gov.au/pbo>).

If you have any queries about this costing, please do not hesitate to contact Colin Brown on (02) 6277 9530.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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## COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Name of proposal to be costed:	Transport
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal would reallocate funding under the Nation Building Program to other priority infrastructure projects listed in <a href="#">Attachment A</a>.</p> <p>The intention of the proposal is to give priority to public transport projects over other forms of transport.</p> <p>The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2014.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens
Date costing request received:	3 September 2013
Date costing completed:	5 September 2013
Dates of public release of policies:	17, 27, 30 August and 1 September 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Department of Infrastructure and Transport

### Costing overview

This proposal is not expected to impact on the underlying cash and fiscal balances over the period between 2014-15 and 2018-19 because it only involves the reallocation of unallocated and/or uncontracted funding that is already reflected in the budget for the Nation Building Program

The projects as per the costing request are expected to require \$3.4 billion of funding between 2014-15 and 2018-19 and an additional \$1.4 billion of funding beyond 2018-19 to complete. The Department of Infrastructure and Transport has advised that there are currently sufficient unallocated and uncontracted funds between 2014-15 and 2018-19 that could be reallocated to fund these projects. A list of priority infrastructure projects specified by the requestor can be found at [Attachment A](#).

The PBO has not assessed the adequacy of the funding to enable completion of the infrastructure projects proposed, or considered the practicalities associated with implementing the funding reallocation.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability as it utilises the latest estimates provided by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.

## POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

**Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)**

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-	-	-
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-	-	-

### Data sources

Department of Infrastructure and Transport

- Nation Building Program
  - Profile of unallocated funding
  - Profile of allocated but uncontracted funding

POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

**ATTACHMENT A: REALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

State	Priority infrastructure projects	2014-15 to 2018-19 (\$m) <sup>(a)</sup>	Beyond 2018-19 (\$m) <sup>(a)</sup>
National	Bike paths	240.0	-
NSW	Sydney Light Rail	800.0	1,400.0
Tas	Hobart Light Rail	100.0	-
Vic	Doncaster Railway	1,000.0	-
	Extension of rail to Mernda	180.0	-
	High capacity signalling on Melbourne's transport network	100.0	-
	East West light rail, between North Melbourne and North Richmond	15.0	-
	Westgate Ramps Truck bypass	100.0	-
	Airport Rail implementation project	12.5	-
	Level crossing removals	5.0	-
WA	Express bus service and priority Bus Rapid Transit projects	300.0	-
	Improve metropolitan bus services	150.0	-
	Green fleet initiative	70.0	-
	Fremantle rail freight bridge duplication	200.0	-
	Regional city public transport	120.0	-
	South West Regional bus and coach services	2.0	-
<b>Total Commonwealth funds required</b>		<b>3,394.5</b>	<b>1,400.0</b>
<b>Total funds sourced from unallocated and uncontracted funds within the Nation Building Program</b>		<b>3,394.5</b>	<b>1,400.0</b>
<b>Net budgetary impact</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(a) Figures are in both cash and accrual terms.