



**POLICY COSTING REQUEST – DURING THE CARETAKER PERIOD FOR A
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Name of policy:	Sports Science
Person requesting costing:	Senator Di Natale
Date of request to cost the policy:	14 August 2013
<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 (i.e. from the Treasury or the Department of Finance and Deregulation)?	No
Details of the public release of this policy (Date, by whom and a reference to that release)	2 August 2013. Senator Di Natale http://greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Sports_Science_0.pdf
Description of policy:	
Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<p>The policy will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create an accreditation framework for sports scientists, that will be national, independent, allow for specialization and include ethical training and standards. • ensure medical oversight of all sports science decisions, by instituting standards that require a registered medical practitioner to approve any decision relating to athlete health and welfare including the use of supplements. • limit supplement experiments by encouraging the use of only those listed as Group A by the Australian Institute of Sport supplement system. These are safe, legal supplements that produce a useful or timely source of energy or nutrients or have been shown in specific trials to benefit performance. • encourage major sporting codes to maintain a register of supplements used that is made public in order to end the pharmacological arms race. • A service for athletes and sporting clubs to provide up-to-date, confidential and independent advice on the safety and legality of supplements.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	To work with Exercise and Sports Science Australia to develop a national, independent accreditation program that has broad industry up take and support.
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:	

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<p>Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.</p>	<p>Yes – it is related to the Regulated Sports Supplements policy</p>
<p>Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</p>	<p>Capped</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>No</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>-</p>
<p>Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.</p>	<p>No</p>

Expected impacts of the proposal

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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)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3
Fiscal balance (\$m)	0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3

(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)?	Capped amounts have been specified. Funding of \$6 million for the sports supplement information service and \$925,000 for ESSA to further develop and roll out its accreditation program will be allocated over the forward estimates from July 2014.
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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.
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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?	Restored credibility of Australian sporting bodies. Athletes, managers and sports fans will have the assurance that only qualified, accredited sports scientists are practising at their club.
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Administration of policy:	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Exercise and Sports Science Australia and the Australian Sports Commission.
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 program management (by policy agencies) and additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	Any Departmental costs should be absorbed.
Intended date of implementation.	1 July 2014.
Intended duration of policy.	Three 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).	NA
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No
NOTE: <i>Please note that:</i>	

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- *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.*