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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request on *caring for athletes: regulating sports supplements* (letter of 14 August 2013).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website ([www.aph.gov.au/pbo](http://www.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

16 August 2013

## COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

<b>Name of proposal to be costed:</b>	<b>Caring for athletes: regulating sports supplements</b>
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal would establish a Sports and Supplement Information Clearinghouse that will provide anonymous, readily accessible advice on sports supplements through a hotline and a web-based service.</p> <p>The intention of the proposal is to provide a source of clear, independent information to help guide athletes in the use of sports supplements so as to maintain their health.</p> <p>The proposal will have effect from 1 July 2014.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens
Date costing request received:	14 August 2013
Date costing completed:	16 August 2013
Date of public release of policy:	26 July 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Not applicable

### Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash and fiscal balances by \$6 million over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This total impact is entirely due to an increase in departmental expenses.

The costs associated with establishing and running the Sports and Supplement Information Clearinghouse is assumed to be met from within the funding provided.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability as it is based on a capped funding amount specified in the costing request.

**Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(a)</sup>**

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0

(a) A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in expenses in accrual terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in expenses in cash terms.

## **POLICY COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD**

### **Key assumptions**

The expense profile is as specified in the costing request.

### **Methodology**

The estimates are based on the capped funding amount specified in the costing request.