



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

Name of policy:	Antarctic and Southern Ocean Policy
Person requesting costing:	Senator Di Natale
Parliamentary party:	Australian Greens
Date of request to cost the policy:	28 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 June 2016 http://greens.org.au/news/tas/greens-invest-antarctic-science-its-time-remove-world%E2%80%99s-blindfold-we-face-climate-change
Description of policy	
Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invest \$4.4 million per year to establish a designated ice-sheet unit within the Australian Antarctic Division.• Re-fund the continuation of the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC and the UTAS Antarctic Gateway at current funding levels.• Require the Productivity Commission to provide a full economic valuation of the output of Australia's Antarctic Science Program and knowledge base.• Establish the role of Antarctic Envoy in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.• Ensure that a full response is provided to all 35 recommendations contained in the Press Review within the first three months of the term of the new Government. http://peter-whish-wilson.greensmps.org.au/sites/default/files/greens_antarctic_and_southern_ocean_policy.pdf
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Boost Australia's presence and science capacity in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:	
Is the policy part of a package? If yes, list the components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.	The above measures are a package

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<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.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAD Science: No. • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: Partnership with AAD, UTAS and CSIRO. • ACECRC: some industry partners. • RV INVESTIGATOR: researchers provided by other agencies and universities.
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: Reprioritisation of existing forward funding of ARC program. • ACECRC: Reprioritisation of existing forward funding of CRC program.
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAD Science: Budget Outcome 3 Environment Department. • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 2 Part 2: Expense Measures (continued) PART 2: EXPENSE MEASURES (continued) Investing in research excellence — Antarctic Gateway Partnership. • ACECRC: Current CRC allocations. • RV INVESTIGATOR: 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 2 Part 2: Expense Measures Industry Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation — Marine National Facility research vessel — continuation.
<p>If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Will the funding/program cost require indexation? If yes, list factors to be used.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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)	-21.8	-29.6	-29.7	-34.8
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-21.8	-29.6	-29.7	-34.8
(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)?				
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?	N/A			
Administration of policy:				
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non-government organisation, etc)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAD SCIENCE: Australian Antarctic Division • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: UTAS • ACECRC: Dep of Industry • RV INVESTIGATOR: CSIRO 			
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).	N/A			

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Intended date of implementation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAD SCIENCE: from July 1 2016 • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: at end of current funding allocation • ACECRC: at end of current funding allocation • RV INVESTIGATOR: from July 1 2016
Intended duration of policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAD SCIENCE: ongoing • ANTARCTIC GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP: an additional 5 years • ACECRC: an additional 4 years • RV INVESTIGATOR: ongoing
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	N/A
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?	N/A
<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>	