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Dear Senator Di Natale

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Political Donation and Lobbyist Reforms: Upgrade Websites* (letter of 24 June 2016).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (www.pbo.gov.au).

If you have any queries about this costing, please contact Colin Brown on (02) 6277 9530.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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Policy costing—during the caretaker period for the 2016 general election

Name of proposal:	Political Donation and Lobbyist Reforms: Upgrade Websites
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal would provide the Australian Electoral Commission and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet with \$1.7 million over two years to implement refreshed websites with real time donations disclosure, members of parliament register of interests and the lobbyists register, and make their websites generally more user friendly.</p> <p>The program would provide \$1 million in the first year and \$0.7 million in the second year.</p> <p>The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2017.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Richard Di Natale, Australian Greens
Date of public release of policy:	24 June 2016 http://lee-rhiannon.greensmps.org.au/content/blog/national-icac-initiative
Date costing request received:	24 June 2016
Date costing completed	25 June 2016
Expiry date for the costing:	Release of the next economic and fiscal outlook report

Costing overview

This proposal would be expected to decrease both the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$1.7 million over the 2016-17 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is entirely due to an increase in departmental expenses.

This proposal would not be expected to have impacts beyond the forward estimates period as it terminates in 2018-19.

No analysis has been undertaken to determine the adequacy of the prescribed funding amounts to achieve the objective of the proposal.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability as it is based on specified capped amounts.

Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

Impact on (\$m)	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	Total
Fiscal balance	-	-1.0	-0.7	-	-1.7
Underlying cash balance	-	-1.0	-0.7	-	-1.7

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance, a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.