



## Policy costing

### Not proceeding with *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* and redirecting funding to the ABC and SBS

Party: Australian Labor Party

#### Summary of proposal:

The proposal would not proceed with the 2019-20 Budget measure *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* and instead redirect the funding to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS).

## Costing overview

This proposal would have no impact on the fiscal or underlying cash balances over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. While the proposal would have no overall impact on the budget it would result in a decrease of \$17.0 million in administered expenses which would be fully offset by an increase of \$17.0 million in departmental expenses.

A breakdown of the financial implications of this proposal over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates is included at [Attachment A](#). The proposal would not be expected to have an impact beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period as funding for the budget measure *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* and the subsequent redirection of this funding terminates in 2021-22.

**Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

|                         | 2019–20 | 2020–21 | 2021–22 | 2022–23 | Total to<br>2022–23 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Fiscal balance          | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                   |
| Underlying cash balance | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                   |

- Indicates nil.

## Methodology

The financial implications of this proposal were estimated based on information and budget measure models provided by the Department of Communications and the Arts.

All estimates were rounded to the nearest \$100,000.

## Data sources

The Department of Communications and the Arts provided relevant budget measure costing models and information on the level of funding for the *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* as at 3 April 2019.

## Attachment A – Not proceeding with *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* and redirecting funding to the ABC and SBS – financial implications

**Table A1: Not proceeding with *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* and redirecting funding to the ABC and SBS – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)(c)</sup>**

|  | 2019–20     | 2020–21     | 2021–22     | 2022–23 | Total to 2022–23 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |             |             |         |                  |
| <i>Administered</i>  |             |             |             |         |                  |
| <i>Not proceeding with Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific</i> | 5.7         | 5.7         | 5.7         | -       | <b>17.0</b>      |
| <i>Redirecting funding to the ABC and SBS</i>                          | -           | -           | -           | -       | -                |
| <b>Total – administered</b>  | <b>5.7</b>  | <b>5.7</b>  | <b>5.7</b>  | -       | <b>17.0</b>      |
| <i>Departmental</i>  |             |             |             |         |                  |
| <i>Not proceeding with Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific</i> | 0.1         | ..          | ..          | -       | <b>0.1</b>       |
| <i>Redirecting funding to the ABC and SBS</i>                          | -5.8        | -5.7        | -5.7        | -       | <b>-17.1</b>     |
| <b>Total – departmental</b>  | <b>-5.7</b> | <b>-5.7</b> | <b>-5.7</b> | -       | <b>-17.0</b>     |
| <b>Total – expenses</b>  | -           | -           | -           | -       | -                |

(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 negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

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

(c) Estimates are based on the level of funds for the 2019-20 Budget measure *Amplifying Australia's Voice in the Pacific* that were not contractually committed as at 3 April 2019, as provided by the Department of Communications and the Arts.

.. Not zero but rounded to zero.

- Indicates nil.