



Restore the role of the Climate Change Authority	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
Summary of proposal: The proposal would restore the role of the Climate Change Authority (CCA), while keeping decision-making and accountability with government and introducing an annual Parliamentary reporting system for the relevant Minister. Resourcing would be adjusted within the relevant Ministerial portfolio to ensure the proposal would have no impact on the Australian Government Budget. The proposal is ongoing and would be in effect from 1 July 2022.	

Costing overview

The proposal would have nil impact each year over the period to 2032-33, with the additional departmental resources for the CCA assumed to be transferred from within the same Ministerial portfolio.

A breakdown of the financial implications reflecting this resource transfer over the period to 2032-33 is provided at Attachment A.

Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)^(a)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total to 2025-26
Fiscal balance	-	-	-	-	-
Underlying cash balance	-	-	-	-	-

(a) There is nil PDI impact for this proposal.

- Indicates nil.

Key assumptions

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has made the following assumption in costing this proposal.

- The staff headcount at the CCA under the proposal would increase from its current level of 10 to the 2012-13 level of 32.
 - An increase in departmental resources would be drawn from within the same Ministerial portfolio.

Methodology

Departmental expenses were estimated using the departmental cost calculator provided by the Department of Finance.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules as outlined on the PBO Costings and budget information webpage.¹

Data sources

Climate Change Authority (CCA) (2013), [Annual Report 2012-13](#), CCA, Australian Government, accessed 17 June 2022.

Climate Change Authority (CCA) (2021), [Annual Report 2020-21](#), CCA, Australian Government, accessed 17 June 2022.

The Department of Finance provided the departmental cost calculator.

¹ https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Budget_Office/Costings_and_budget_information

Attachment A – Restore the role of the Climate Change Authority – financial implications

Table A1: Restore the role of the Climate Change Authority – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
Expenses													
Departmental													
<i>Climate Change Authority</i>	-3.5	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.7	-3.7	-3.7	-3.7	-3.8	-14.3	-40.1
<i>Offset from within the same portfolio</i>	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	14.3	40.1
Total (excluding PDI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(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.

- Indicates nil.

Table A2: Restore the role of the Climate Change Authority – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
Fiscal balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Underlying cash balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals in the table above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary².

(b) 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.

- Indicates nil.

² [Online budget glossary – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au)