



Policy costing

Elimination of non-tariff barriers	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
Summary of proposal: This proposal would create an online portal for exporters to report non-tariff barriers with effect from 1 July 2019.	

Costing overview

This proposal would be expected to decrease both the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$0.8 million over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. This impact is entirely due to an increase in departmental expenses. The proposal would be expected to have an ongoing impact that extends beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period.

The estimates in this costing are based on departmental expenses for similar programs. As the ongoing resourcing requirements for the proposal are expected to be relatively small, estimates are less sensitive to assumptions about the drivers of departmental expenses such as the efficiency dividend and indexation parameters. These estimates do not include any funding to advertise the portal or any additional funding to respond to reports of non-tariff barriers.

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

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Fiscal balance	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
Underlying cash balance	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8

(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.

Methodology

The cost of developing the online portal in the first year was based on the costs of similar online portals. The cost of maintaining and monitoring the online portal and reviewing the program annually was estimated as being equivalent to one half of an additional full-time Australian Public Service level 6 staff member. Estimates have been rounded to the nearest \$100,000.

Data sources

The Department of Finance provided the standard departmental costing template and indexation rates as at the 2019 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook.