



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

<b>Name of proposal costed: Supporting the Rural Inspire Initiative</b>	
<b>Costing Identifier:</b>	COA021
<b>Summary of costing:</b>	<p>The proposal is to provide \$2.0 million over three years from 2019-20 to the Country Education Partnership to support the Rural Inspire Initiative.</p> <p>Funding would assist the Country Education Partnership to expand its current activities and was an action identified by the <i>Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education</i>.</p>
<b>Ongoing or Terminating (including date)<sup>(a)</sup></b>	Terminating on 31 December 2021
<b>Person making the request:</b>	Prime Minister
<b>Date costing request received:</b>	9 May 2019
<b>Date of public release of policy:</b>	7 May 2019
<b>Date costing completed:</b>	15 May 2019
<b>Additional information requested (including date):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Additional information received (including date):</b>	Not applicable

(a) Ongoing policies continue indefinitely (until a decision is made to cease or alter the program). Terminating measures end on a date set out in the initial policy and a further decision is required to continue the program beyond this date.

### Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(b)</sup>

Impact on	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-0.5	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	-0.5	0.0

(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 positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.

**Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.**

This proposal has been costed as a specified amount.

**Where relevant, include separate identification of revenue and expense components.**

Not applicable.

**Where appropriate, include a range for the costing or sensitivity analysis.**

Not applicable.

**Qualifications to the costing (including reasons for the costing not being comprehensive).**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.**

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes that departmental expenses associated with the policy will be absorbed by the Department of Education and Training.

**Where relevant, explain the reason for any significant differences between the assumptions specified in a party costing request and those used in a Treasury or Finance costing.**

Not applicable.

**Other comments (including reasons for significant differences between the estimated impact on the fiscal and underlying cash balances).**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, include an explanation of the medium term implications of the proposal<sup>(c)</sup>.**

Not applicable.

(c) Information on the medium term implications will be provided if the cost of the policy is expected to be significantly different beyond the forward estimates period.

## **Background information**

### **Costing methodology used:**

The costing assumes a funding profile consistent with the costing request.

### **Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate)**

Not applicable.