

# PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

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| **Name of proposal costed: Supporting Children with Life Threatening Medical Conditions and Their Families** | |
| **Costing Identifier:** | COA060 |
| **Summary of costing:** | The proposal is to provide $5.0 million to support children with life threatening medical conditions and their families, including:   * $1.75 million to the Heart Centre for Children at Westmead Hospital to undertake a trial to help children with high medical needs and their families spend less time in hospital; and * $3.25 million to Palliative Care Australia to develop a national paediatric palliative care action plan. |
| **Ongoing or Terminating (including date)(a)** | Terminating (30 June 2023) |
| **Person making the request:** | Prime Minister |
| **Date costing request received:** | 13 May 2019 |
| **Date of public release of policy:** | 13 May 2019 |
| **Date costing completed:** | 14 May 2019 |
| **Additional information requested (including date):** | Not applicable |
| **Additional information received (including date):** | Not applicable |

1. 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)(b)

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| Impact on | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| Underlying Cash Balance ($m) | 0.0 | -0.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| Fiscal Balance ($m) | 0.0 | -0.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 |

1. 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.

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| **Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.**  The proposal has been costed as a defined 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 the Department of Health will absorb any associated departmental operating or capital.

**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(c).**

Not applicable.

1. 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 that the proposal would provide grant payments (including through the New South Wales Government) as a defined amount of $5.0 million over four years from 2019-20 that includes:

* $1.75 million to the Heart Centre for Children at Westmead Hospital to undertake a trial to help children with high medical needs and their families spend less time in hospital; and
* $3.25 million to Palliative Care Australia to develop a national paediatric palliative care action plan.
  + **Policy parameters**

The policy is to start from 1 July 2019. The policy aims to support children with life threatening medical conditions and their families.

* + **Statistical data used**

Not applicable.

**Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate)**

Not applicable.