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Dear Senator Milne

Please find attached a response to your costing request, *Health Sustainability Unit* (letter of 3 September 2013).

The response to this request will be released on the PBO website (<http://aph.gov.au/pbo>).

If you have any queries about this costing, please do not hesitate to contact Colin Brown on (02) 6277 9530.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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COSTING – ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD

Name of proposal to be costed:	Health Sustainability Unit
Summary of proposal:	<p>The proposal would fund the establishment of a Health Sustainability Unit within the Department of Health and Aging to analyse and advise the health sector on delivering ongoing sustainability, through improved resource efficiency, greener facilities and better practices.</p> <p>The proposal would have effect from 1 July 2014.</p>
Person/party requesting costing:	Senator Christine Milne, Australian Greens
Date costing request received:	3 September 2013
Date costing completed:	5 September 2013
Date of public release of policy:	30 August 2013
Agencies from which information was obtained:	Not applicable

Costing overview

This proposal is expected to decrease both the underlying cash balance and fiscal balance by \$3.3 million over the 2013-14 Budget forward estimates period. This is entirely due to an increase to expenses. This proposal would have an ongoing impact beyond the forward estimates period of \$1.1 million per year ceasing 30 June 2019.

Consistent with the costing request, departmental costs are to be accommodated from within the capped funding amounts.

This costing is considered to be of high reliability as it is based on a capped funding amount specified in the costing request.

Table 1: Financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)

Impact on	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Underlying cash balance (\$m)	-	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Fiscal balance (\$m)	-	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1

(a) A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in expenses in accrual terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in expenses in cash terms.