# Policy costing request—during the caretaker period for a general election

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| **Name of policy:** | Confronting our Domestic Violence Crisis |
| Person requesting costing: | Senator Di Natale |
| Parliamentary party:  | Australian Greens |
| Date of request to cost the policy: | 30 June 2016 |
| *Note: This policy costing request and the response to this request will be made publicly available.* |
| Has a costing of this policy been requested under Section 29 of the Charter of Budget Honesty (ie from the Treasury or the Department of Finance)? | No |
| Details of the public release of this policy (Date, by whom and a reference to that release): | 26 May 2016 and 20 June 2016 Senator Larissa Waters<http://greens.org.au/domestic-violence> <http://greens.org.au/prevent-violence>  |
| **Description of policy** |
| Summary of policy (as applicable, please attach copies of relevant policy documents): | **Fund a national peak body** for specialist domestic violence services with $8 million over 4 years**Funding for specialist domestic violence services.** * Dedicated and secure funding along with funding increases for specialist domestic violence services, will allow them to deliver the holistic “wrap around” services needed by women and children fleeing violence.
* A new ten-year **National Partnership Agreement for the Prevention Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women** between the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. This new agreement would provide dedicated, secure, long term funding for specialist domestic violence services.
* Funding will be **$500 million per year** for a **total of $5 billion over ten years**, commending in July 2017 [$2 billion over 4 years]

**Specialist domestic violence courts.** * **Support a national rollout of specialist domestic violence courts**, by investing $20 million in a program of training, information sharing and extra resources to assist State and Territory governments to set up specialist domestic violence courts. [$20 million over 2 years].

**Making our family law system safe** - $60m over 4 years* **Create a special process in family courts for domestic violence cases**, supported by specialist services placed in court registries focusing on early intervention and risk assessment - $5 million per year. [$20 million over four years]
* **Provide legally assisted and supported family dispute resolution** in domestic violence cases based on the highly effective 2012 Co-ordinated Family Dispute Resolution pilot - $10 million per year. [$40 million over four years]

**Primary Prevention and Gender equality**. * **Expanded and secure funding for Our Watch**, the primary prevention experts, until at least 2022. The Greens would provide an extra $1 million per year, plus an additional funding for *The Line* social marketing campaign at $2 million per year. [$12 million over 4 years]
* **A national rollout of respectful relationships** in schools - $10 million over 4 years
* **Building an expert primary prevention workforce** - $18 million over 6 years or $12m over 4 years
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| What is the purpose or intention of the policy? | To provide services for all victims fleeing domestic violence.  |
| **What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy, including:** |
| Is the policy part of a package?If yes, list the components and interactions with proposed or existing policies. | No |
| Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? If a capped amount, are the costs of administering the policy to be included within the capped amount or additional to the capped amount? | Capped amounts |
| Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy?If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged? | Involves a new National Partnership Agreement with States, and payment to states and service providers.  |
| Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?If yes, please provide details. | No |
| Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure? If yes, which measure? | No |
| If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the program? | No |
| Will the funding/program cost require indexation?If yes, list factors to be used. | Indexation at CPI |
| **Expected impacts of the proposal** |
| If applicable, what are the estimated costs each year? If available, please provide details in the table below. Are these provided on an underlying cash balance or fiscal balance basis? |
| **Estimated financial implications (outturn prices)(a)** |
|  | 2016–17 | 2017–18 | 2018–19 | 2019–20 |
| Underlying cash balance ($m) |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal balance ($m) | -$528 | -$528 | -$526 | -$526 |
| 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 in 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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| What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)? | Nil |
| Has the policy been costed by a third party?If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions? | No |
| What is the expected community impact of the policy?How many people will be affected by the policy?What is the likely take up?What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions? | Increased access to domestic violence services.  |
| **Administration of policy:** |
| Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, non‑government organisation, etc)? | The Australian government, in partnership with State and Territory governments. Specific grants aside from the proposed new NPA will be administered by the Australian government departments of Social Services.  |
| Please specify whether any special administrative arrangements are proposed for the policy and whether these are expected to involve additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies). | Where expenses are administered expenditure, administration costs will be additional to the capped amounts.  |
| Intended date of implementation: | 1 September 2016 |
| Intended duration of policy: | 10 years for some elements – otherwise as noted |
| Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation? | No |
| List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS catalogue number 3201.0). | N/A |
| Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered? | No |
| **NOTE:***Please note that:**The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.**The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requestor. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requestor in advance of the costing being completed.* |

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| **Measure ($m)** | **16-17** | **17-18** | **18-19** | **19-20** | **Measure total** |
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| Specialist DV Services |  |  |  |  |  |
| New NPA on Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | **2000** |
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| National peak body for specialist DV services | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | **8** |
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| Specialist DV courts - facilitating wider roll out | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 | **5** |
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| Making family law safe |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special process in FC for DV cases | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | **20** |
| Legally assisted dispute resolution | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | **40** |
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| Primary Prevention and Gender Inequality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Our Watch | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | **12** |
| Primary Prevention Workforce Development | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | **12** |
| Respectful relationships rollout | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | **10** |
| **Total new federal spending** | $528 | $528 | $526 | $526 | **$2,107** |