

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Election Promises

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-55

What is the total additional cost to the budget of the Government's election promises (over and above what was already in the budget)?

Can you please provide a breakdown of each policy by cost and budget year?

ANSWER

The Government's election commitments, relating to the department, will result in a net increase in funding of \$181.3 million in the current budget year and across the forward estimates.

Details of these measures announced as part of the Government's election commitments are outlined below.

Measure	2010-11 (\$m)	2011-12 (\$m)	2012-13 (\$m)	2013-14 (\$m)	Total [~]
Green Car Innovation Fund - savings	-	-	-100.0	-100.0	-200.0
Re-tooling for Climate Change – savings ⁺	-17.3	-18.3	-	-	-35.6
Cooperative Research Centre Program - savings	-	-2.5	-9.6	-14.2	-26.3
Collaborative Research Network - savings	-	-	-	-20.7	-20.7
Removal of assistance for ICT enabled research laboratory [∨]	-0.7	-2.3	-4.1	-5.6	-12.7
Enterprise Connect - savings	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-6.0
Cairns Business Enterprise Centre	-	0.3	0.3	-	0.5
Clean 21: Making Better Managers ⁺	1.0	2.0	1.0	-	4.0
Food Producers (Simplot) ⁺	2.0	1.0	-	-	3.0
Daintree Rainforest Observatory [^]	-	-	5.0	4.4	9.4
National Science Engagement Program	-	7.0	7.0	7.0	21.0
Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme [#]	98.3	117.6	113.8	81.2	411.0
Expansion of Green Building Fund ^{+*}	4.9	3.2	17.0	5.4	30.4

[~] Totals may not sum due to rounding

- + As reported in MYEFO.
- √ The Government subsequently decided to retain this measure and it is not included in the net increase in funding amount of \$181.3 million.
- ^ The cost of this measure is to be met from existing resourcing for the Education Investment Fund and is not included in the net increase in funding amount of \$181.3 million.
- # A further \$18.1 million has been committed to Medicare and Centrelink as part of this measure.
- * The cost of this measure is to be met from existing resourcing for the Renewable Energy Future Fund.