

Overview

This report contains details on each policy commitment assessed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation, as forming part of the Government's platform for the election.

How is the report structured?

Each commitment description includes:

- a summary of the policy
- who in the Government announced the policy and the specific source of the policy announcement
- whether legislation is required
- whether costs were announced with the policy
- whether charter costs have been prepared, and
- an initial assessment of the first steps to implement the Government's policy and a preliminary identification of risks and other matters to be addressed.

Individual election commitments are grouped with related commitments under broad policy categories, such as 'Families' or 'Regional Services'.

Within each category the Government's policies are sorted alphabetically.

For your reference, the following table summarises the categories that have been used in the report and groups these under the four themes used in the incoming government brief.

Table 1 – Categories by theme

Theme	Categories
a) Economy	Business (includes Small Business); Commonwealth-State Relations (Federalism); Communications and Information Technology; Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax); Local Government; Industry; Infrastructure and Transport Policy; Innovation; Parliamentary and Cabinet Processes; Public Administration and Machinery of Government; Regional Services; Science and Research; Superannuation; Territories; Tourism; and Workplace Relations
b) Social Policy	Ageing; Carers and Disability; Community Services; Early Childhood; Education; Employment; Families; Health; Housing; Immigration and Citizenship; Indigenous Affairs; Seniors; Skills and Training; Sport and Recreation; Veterans' Affairs; Women; and Youth
c) Environment	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Arts, Culture and Heritage; Climate Change; Environmental Protection; Renewable Energy; Resources and Energy; and Water
d) National Security	Border Control; Defence; Foreign Affairs and Trade; Law and Justice; National Security; and Nuclear Policy

Table 2 – Examples of major commitments by theme

Theme	Major Commitments
<p>a) Economy</p>	<p><i>New Policy:</i> No new mining taxes Lower company tax rate Infrastructure initiatives New broadband initiatives Sustainable population growth</p> <p><i>Savings:</i> Cancelling NBN Public Service recruitment freeze</p>
<p>b) Social Policy</p>	<p><i>New policy:</i> 2000 new public hospital beds Real Action Plan for Ageing Quality Education Boost GP services</p> <p><i>Savings:</i> Discontinue Productivity Places Program Education – discontinue programs Abolish Health and Hospitals Network</p>
<p>c) Environment</p>	<p><i>New policy:</i> Direct action plan on the environment and climate change Murray-Darling Basin Green Army Plan to support agriculture</p> <p><i>Savings:</i> Pay off the Debt: reductions in Carbon Capture and Storage initiatives and other programs Discontinue ODA climate change</p>
<p>d) National Security</p>	<p><i>New policy:</i> Export Market Development Scheme Real action to fight crime Securing our Ports and Airports</p>



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User Guide to the Report

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1. As part of the Incoming Government Brief on the iPad, or
2. On the CD disk provided using a PC computer


Using the iPad

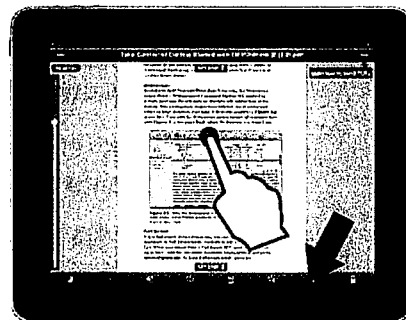
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The data is organised by Policy Category. There is also an index of commitment titles with associated page number.

You can scroll through the document and browse the data, or you can jump to a Category or a single commitment within a Category using the bookmarks option.

i. Using the Bookmark Option

1. To access the main menu of the GoodReader, tap in the centre of the screen at any point.
2. Then tap on the  icon on the bottom-right of the screen and the Bookmarks window will appear with a listing of Category links.
3. Tapping on a category link will take you to that Category, while tapping on the white arrow on the right of the Category will 'drill-down' to the commitment links available for that Category.
4. You can open and select a bookmark link anytime you are in the Brief.



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Viewing the CD Document on a PC

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Browsing Commitments via the Category Bookmarks


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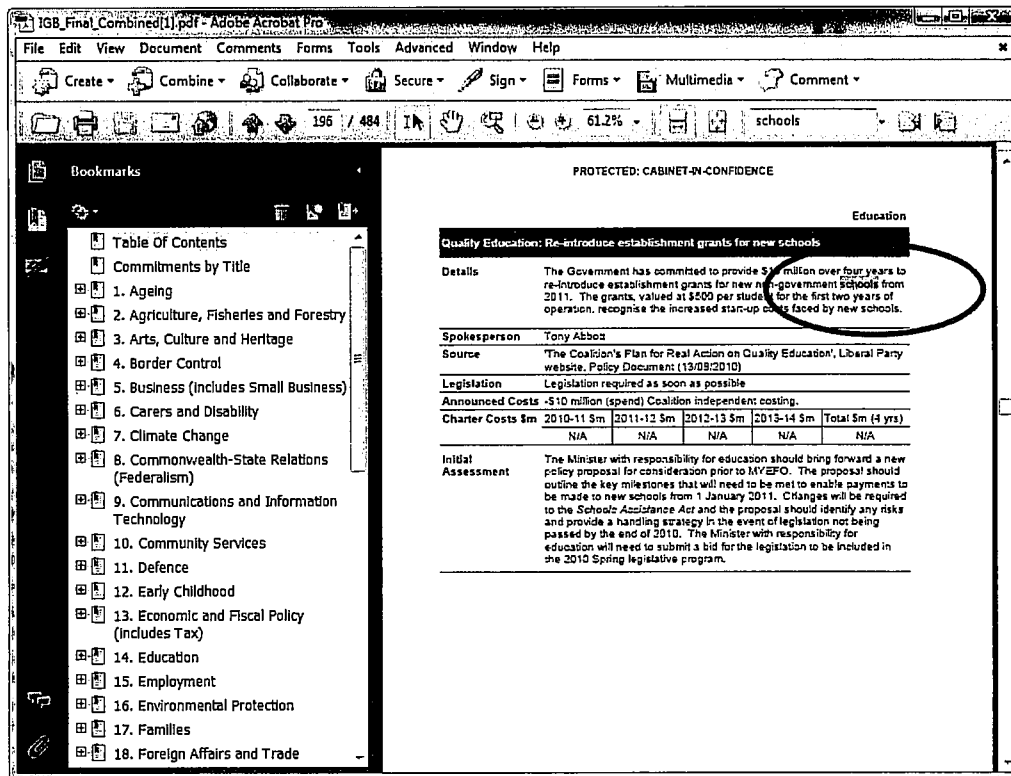
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1. Click the + next to the Category to expand the Category and view the Title links for all Commitments under this Category.
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4. Clicking on the Category Name will jump to the list of Commitments for that Category.
5. Clicking on the Commitment Title will jump to the details of this Commitment.

Browsing Commitments via the Find function

If you know some keywords from a required commitment, but are unsure of the Category it might be under, you can use the Find box to search for a Commitment using keywords.

1. In the Toolbar, locate the Search Box, labelled Find: 
2. Type in the keywords you wish to search on, and select Enter.
3. The document will automatically jump to the first occurrence of this keyword and highlight it.



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Help, I want to go back to the last page I was on.

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Real Action Plan for Ageing: 2012, Year of Meals on Wheels

Details The Government has committed to declare 2012 the Year of Meals on Wheels and will provide \$2 million in 2012 to the Meals on Wheels Association to support this important initiative.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Aged care bed incentive programme

Details The Government has committed to provide \$335 million over four years to convert up to 3,000 already allocated and funded high care residential aged care bed licences into operational places.

Incentive payments of \$30,000 per newly converted operational place will be offered to providers at a cost of \$90 million, with the remaining funds used to support the ongoing costs of these beds.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services. This item represents the recurring component, the investment component is at Commitment Number 816

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$335 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Aged care bed incentive programme: Infrastructure

Details The Government has committed to provide \$335 million over four years to convert up to 3,000 already allocated and funded high care residential aged care bed licences into operational places. Incentive payments of \$30,000 per newly converted operational place will be offered to providers at a cost of \$90 million, with the remaining funds used to support the ongoing costs of these beds. This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services. This item represents the investment component, the related recurring expenditure for this component is at Commitment Number 253.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$335 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Aged care benchmarking support

Details

The Government has committed to reduce red tape for providers to streamline and cut time spent claiming subsidies and meeting accreditation requirements through better benchmarking of financial, operational and service performance data.

Funding of \$10 million over two years will be provided to aged care providers to purchase benchmarking software and training packages.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Aged care provider agreement professional programme

Details

The Government has committed to negotiate an Aged Care Provider Agreement with aged care sector peak bodies within its first year of office to set the framework for aged care planning and programme delivery reform over the next four years. The objectives of the Agreement will be to:

- reduce the administrative burden on residential and community aged care services while maintaining quality and safety standards
- simplify the aged care planning, application and approvals process for funding residential and community care places
- set parameters for establishing one national aged care assessment tool
- set parameters for establishing an Aged Care Bed Incentive Programme to convert allocated bed licenses to operational high care beds (see separate EC brief), and
- set parameters for allocation of \$50 million over four years for a professional development and innovation fund (the Aged Care Provider Agreement professional programme).

The professional programme will promote best practice in the delivery of aged care programmes and services by supporting workforce professional development, research projects, and innovations in service delivery and the use of assistive technology.

—This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$50 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Companionship programme

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$12 million for a Companionship Programme involving grants to community organisations to increase the number of volunteers who will become companions to people in aged care facilities and the community.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$12 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Initial Assessment					

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Conditional Adjustment Payment indexation

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$130 million over two financial years through indexation of the Conditional Adjustment Payment (CAP) paid in the 2011 calendar year to aged care providers, pending the outcome of the Productivity Commission's Caring for Older Australian's inquiry.

The CAP is currently set at 8.75 per cent of the basic aged care subsidy for each resident and has been indexed by 1.75 per cent per year from 2004-05 to 2008-09. This measure delivers a short term indexation increase over the 2011 calendar year. This payment serves as a viability supplement for all residential aged care providers to implement longer term operational efficiencies.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$130 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Convalescent care programme

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$300 million over four years from 2011 to provide convalescent care for up to 21 days for approximately 20,000 older people leaving hospital after an acute care admission. Funding for post-acute flexible support services will be directed to residential and community aged care services.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	-\$300 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Day respite grants

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$20 million over 2011-12 and 2012-13 to continue the demonstration sites for day respite in residential aged care facilities.

Around 20 demonstration sites across Australia in metropolitan and rural regions are currently funded through a competitive grants process under the National Respite for Carers Program.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million aged care package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$20 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue payments to states for supporting long stay older patients

Details The Government will not proceed with the 2010-11 Budget measure 'National Health and Hospitals Network - Aged Care - supporting long stay older patients', providing \$276.4 million over three years in savings.

This measure made payments to the states for long stay older patients who had been assessed as eligible for residential aged care but could not be discharged due to the lack of appropriate alternative care arrangements.

This is one of eight savings measures identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$276.4 million (save). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue the National Elderly Commissioner - Ambassador for Ageing

Details

The Government has committed to abolish the position of Ambassador for Ageing, which was introduced in the 2008-09 Budget, resulting in a saving of \$1 million.

This is one of eight savings measures identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$1 million (save).				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue the National Health and Hospitals Network - Expansion of zero real interest loans

Details

The Government has committed to not proceed with the 2010-11 Budget measure National Health and Hospitals Network - aged care - expansion of zero real interest loans, providing a saving of \$145 million over four years.

This is one of eight savings measured identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$145 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue the National Health and Hospitals Network - Improving access to general practice and primary care

Details The Government will not proceed with the 2010-11 Budget measure National Health and Hospitals Network - Aged Care - improving access to general practice and primary care.

Under this measure, \$98.6 million over five years from 2009-10 was provided for financial incentives for the provision of primary health care services to residents of aged care facilities.

This is one of eight savings measured identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$98.4 million (save). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Initial Assessment					

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue the National Health and Hospitals Network - Supporting long stay older patients

Details The Government has committed to terminate the 2010-11 Budget measure National Health and Hospitals Network - Aged Care - supporting long stay older patients.

Under this measure \$75 million was appropriated to continue the 2006-07 Budget measure entitled COAG Health Services - Improving Care for Older Patients in Public Hospitals for two years, lapsing in 2011-12.

This is one of eight savings measures identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$150 million (save).

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue the National Health and Hospitals Network - Supporting long stay older patients (implementation costs)

Details

The Government has committed to not proceed with the 2010-11 Budget measure National Health and Hospitals Network - Aged Care - supporting long stay older patients (implementation costs).

This is one of eight savings measures identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2.8 million (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue transition aged care - Additional places

Details The Government has committed to cease the continued roll out from 30 June 2010 of 2,000 new transition care places under the 2008-09 Budget measure entitled Aged Care - transition aged care - additional places, resulting in a saving of \$241 million.

\$293.2 million was appropriated over four years under this measure, including \$86.1 million in 2010-11. Of the 2,000 additional places funded under this measure, 698 places are operational and are currently providing services, including through public hospital subacute facilities and Multi-Purpose Services managed by states and territories.

This is one of eight savings measured identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$241 million (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4- yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Ageing: Discontinue zero real interest loans

Details

The Government has committed to not proceed with the remaining elements of the 2008-09 Budget measure involving the provision of \$300 million of zero real interest loans to aged care providers.

The second round of \$150 million in loans under this measure is due to be allocated to providers as part of the current 2010-11 Aged Care Approvals Round, with results expected to be announced in late 2010.

This is one of eight savings measures identified as offsets in the Government's Real Action Plan for Ageing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$20.8 million (save). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: Exercising the heart and the brain - Promoting wellness

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$12 million over four years to seniors' organisations and community groups to deliver 'grassroots' health and wellness initiatives targeted to older Australians.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of care services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbot
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$12 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Ageing: Investing in dementia

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$50 million over four years to expand the existing Dementia Program to include other degenerative neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease. Under the Dementia Program funds are provided to support dementia research, professional development and training for the aged care workforce, and services for facilities and carers.

This one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$50 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Ageing: People love their Pets - Grants programme for pet therapy in aged care facilities

Details The Government has committed to provide \$14 million over four years to accredited community organisations to offer pet visiting services to residential aged care facilities and to train pets for visiting programmes.

This is one of 11 expenditure measures in a \$935 million package to improve the delivery of aged care services.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

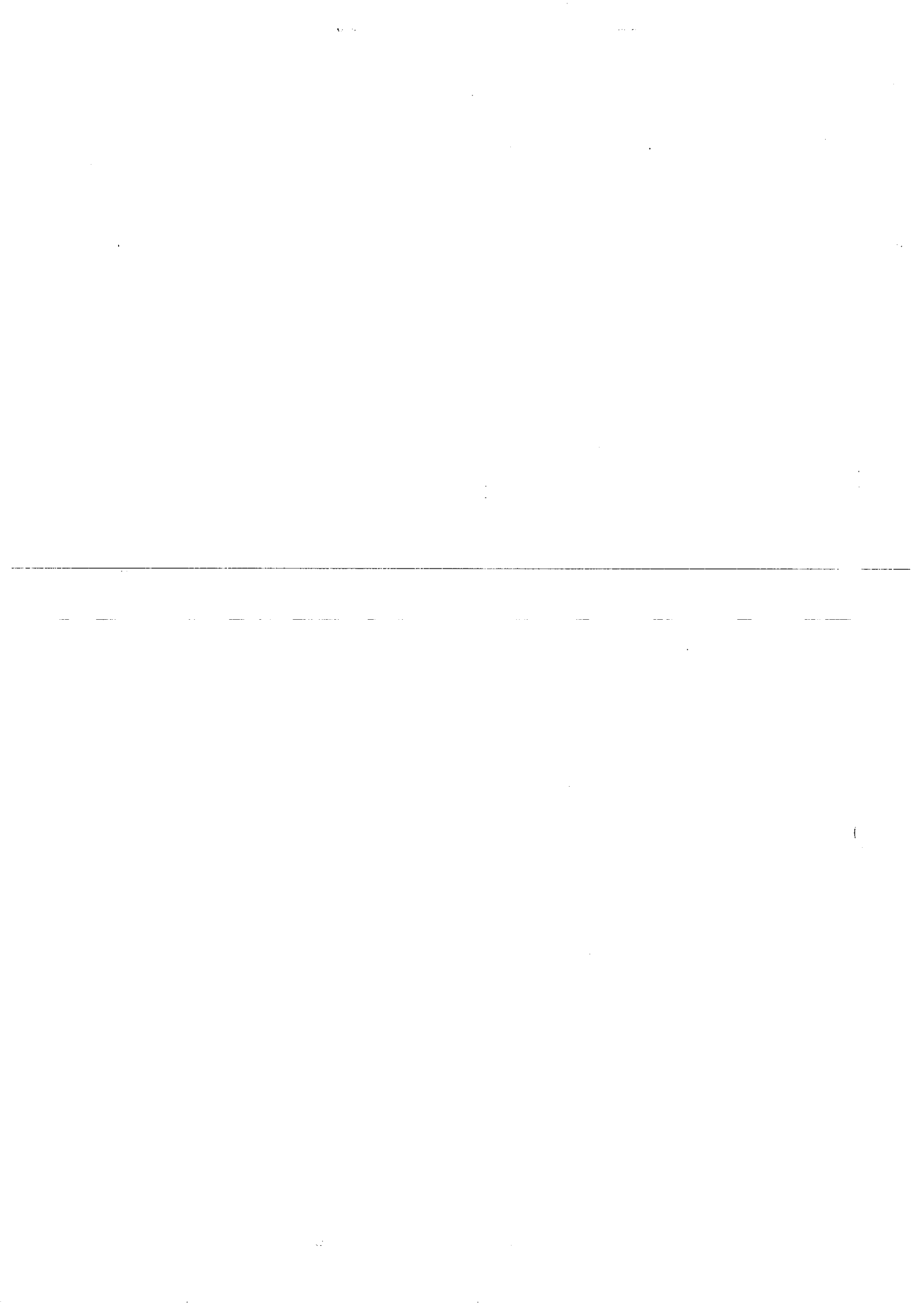
Source 'The Coalition's Real Action on Ageing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$14 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Hendra Virus Protection Packages for Veterinarians

Details The Government has committed \$180,000 to make available a Hendra virus personal protective package (valued at \$30 each) for large animal veterinarians and their staff.
Each equine veterinarian who applies will be provided with 3 personal protective kits which would be kept in their vehicle. One would be used by the veterinarian and the others by assisting staff.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Coalition to Provide Hendra Virus Personal Protection Packages to Veterinarians', John Cobb website, Media Statement (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$180,000 from within existing DAFF resources

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Improvements to the Landcare Recovery Program

Details

The Government has committed to:

- reduce the complexity and quantity of paperwork for grants applications and improve the efficiency of administrative processes associated with the Landcare program
- allocate 90 per cent of Landcare and Caring for our Country funds directly at the local and regional levels, rather than to state authorities
- provide funding on a 3-year basis, and
- within 6 months of forming Government release guidelines to reflect these changes.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Coalition plans to boost Landcare', ABC Rural, Newspaper Report (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Fisheries: Adaptation to climate change

Details The Government has committed \$5 million over four years to support adaptation of the fishing industry to climate change.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'Real Action Plan for Fisheries', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Fisheries: Aquaculture Industry Development Fund

Details The Government has committed \$6.5 million over four years to establish an Aquaculture Industry Development Fund and to promote of the benefits of recreational fishing.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'Real Action Plan to Support Fisheries'. Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$6.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Fisheries: National Maritime Safety Standards

Details The Government has committed up to \$100,000 to assist commercial and recreational fishing organisations in the development of national maritime safety standards.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'Real Action Plan to Support Fisheries'. Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.1m (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Fisheries: Support national peak body

Details The Government has committed \$0.5 million over 4 years for fisheries including:

- appoint a dedicated Minister responsible for fisheries;
- \$0.5 m to establish a recreational fishing peak body;
- establish a ministerial advisory council for recreational fishing;
- review the Environment Protection Biosecurity Protection Act ensuring its suitability for marine issues;
 - conduct recreational fishing surveys (social, economic and environmental) impacts every 5 years; and
 - commit to maintaining all resources currently devoted to patrolling Australia's fishing zones.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'Real Action Plan to Support Fisheries'. Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan for Fisheries: Sustainable Australian Seafood

Details The Government has committed to providing \$3 million over four years to industry bodies to promote sustainable Australian seafood, including third party auditing for sustainable seafood.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'Real Action Plan for Fisheries', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3.0 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: 'Green Tape' Audit

Details The Government has committed \$2 million to identify environmental legislation and regulations at local, state and federal levels and identify impacts on food production, property rights and human safety.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website , Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 million (spend) in 2010-11 Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Biosecurity Flying Squad

Details

The Government has committed \$15 million to establish a special agency that will:

- provide urgent resources when a biosecurity risk is identified; and
- to randomly audit quarantine facilities and procedures, identifying problems and resolving them through direct cooperation with relevant agencies and industry.

Spokesperson	John Cobb
Source	'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend) over three years Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Improved water infrastructure through 'Water Works' program

Details

The Government has committed to a 'Water Works' program to reduce water loss and evaporation, through improved on-farm water infrastructure and management practice. Grants of up to \$100,000 would be available for farming enterprises to undertake:

- water-saving activities such as installing pipes and troughs for stock water;
- to improve grazing practices and protect environmental assets; and
- to introduce renewable energy technologies for pumps.

Spokesperson	John Cobb
Source	'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	-\$50 million (spend) over 4 years Coalition independent costings				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Increased funding for research and development for primary industries

Details The Government has committed to increasing the matching levy for agricultural industry research and development levies from dollar for dollar to \$1.25 from 1 July 2011.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Maximum of -\$150 million (spend) over 4 years Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Large Scale Feral Animal Control

Details The Government has committed to a large scale feral animal control program worth \$20 million over four years, to prevent pest animals reaching plague proportions.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20 million (spend) over four years. Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Saltbush, Fodder Trees and Blue Mallee Planting Programme

Details

The Government has committed to a \$20 million native fodder tree program for:

- \$100,000 matching grants for planting, fencing and delivery of stock water to increase saltbush and other native fodder stands;
- \$250,000 matching grants for nurseries to supply saltbush and other native fodder trees; and
- support for farmers and nurseries to become mentors to ensure the best survival and establishment rate of new plantations.

Spokesperson	John Cobb
Source	'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20 million (spend) over four years. Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Support for agricultural scientists

Details The Government has committed to improving support for agricultural research. The \$5 million pilot program would offer grants of up to \$50,000 for specialised research, mentoring or further study.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website , Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) over four years. Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Forestry: Economic assessment of long-term demand in forest products

Details The Government has committed \$750,000 to undertake an economic assessment of long term domestic consumption trends for forest products and fund the collection and reporting of key forest industry and market data.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Forestry', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.75 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Forestry: Prevention of Illegal Logging

Details The Government has committed to legislate to make it an offence to import any timber product which has not been verified as being legally harvested, including due diligence requirements, trade descriptions and industry codes of conduct, with a two year transition period.

Spokesperson Richard Colbeck

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Forestry', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Forestry: Restructure the forestry industry in Tasmania and extend Regional Forest Agreements

Details The Government has committed:

- \$20 million to assist in the structural adjustment of the Tasmanian forestry contractor industry;
- to extend the Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) by five years following the successful completion and implementation of each RFAs five year review;
- to not support any further forestry closures unless proposed by industry;
- ongoing development of quality forest certification processes; and
- provide \$1 million (fully absorbed from within existing resources) to assist small sawmillers attain international forestry certification.

Spokesperson	Richard Colbeck				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Forestry', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$20 million (spend) Coalition independent costing				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Tasmania Package: Fund a West Lakes recreational fishing strategy

Details The Government has committed \$40,000 to work closely with the West Coast Council to develop a recreational fishing strategy which will consider economic, tourism, infrastructure and recreational matters.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz

Source 'Liberals Launch Tasmania Package', Eric Abetz website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.04 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Funding for community heritage grants

Details The Government has committed to provide \$1 million to support heritage through grants of up to \$10,000 for community history and heritage organisations for the conservation, development and exhibition of cultural heritage.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Funding for the Cairns Tropical Sports and Cultural Precinct

Details The Government has committed to provide \$40 million for the Cairns Cultural Precinct. The precinct has been pitched as the foundation for Cairns sports tourism industry. \$3.9 million for a roof to cover the Cairns Tennis Centre, \$3.5 million for the first stage of a hockey stadium, \$3.5 million towards a rectangular stadium, possibly at Jones Park, \$1.5 million will fund an updated business plan for the precinct, upgrade to Tobruk Memorial Pool, a netball stadium and a performing arts centre linking Cairns Convention Centre and adjoining precinct.

Spokesperson Warren Entsch

Source 'LNP finds \$40 mil for cultural centre in Cairns', Cairns.com.au, Newspaper Report (06/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$40 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for the Arts: Introduce a musical instruments loan scheme

Details The Government has committed to provide \$14.4 million over the next four years for a musical instruments loan scheme. The scheme will be notionally capped at 360 places, with loans of up to 50 per cent of the purchase price. Loans will be capped at \$35,000 per instrument. Repayments will be made in a similar manner to the HECS scheme. The scheme will be made available to specific learning and development institutions, including the Australian Youth Orchestra and Australian National Academy of Music.

Spokesperson Steven Ciobo

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for the Arts', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$14.4 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for the Arts: Introduce a temporary film production fund

Details The Government has committed to provide \$60 million for a temporary film production fund. This fund will provide matching loans to distributors of eligible Australian films with production budgets in the range of \$7 million to \$30 million. The fund will match dollar-for-dollar the financial commitments made by film distributors, with a loan minimum of \$2 million and a maximum of \$10 million. The fund will operate for five years before being wound up. The administration of the fund will be from the existing resources of Screen Australia.

Spokesperson Steven Ciobo

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for the Arts', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$31.9 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for the Arts: Promote the development of arts in regional areas

Details The Government has committed to restore regional arts funding to support arts projects and skills development in regional communities. The Government will provide \$3.85 million over four years towards the Regional Arts Fund, \$6 million over four years towards Visions of Australia and \$3.8 million over four years towards Playing for Australia.

Spokesperson Steven Ciobo

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for the Arts', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$13.65 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for the Arts: Provide a new acquisition fund for regional art galleries

Details The Government has committed to provide \$10.7 million over the next three years to support the growth of regional art gallery collections. A fixed grant of up to \$100,000 may be made to regional galleries for the purchase of Australian artworks.

Spokesperson Steven Ciobo

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for the Arts', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10.7 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for the Arts: Support local film production

Details The Government has committed to targeting the Producer Offset to support cash flow for production by allowing offsets to be applied for before the end of the financial year.

Spokesperson Steven Ciobo

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for the Arts', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not applicable

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Australian National Heritage Icons Program

Details The Government has committed to providing \$200,000 towards an Australian National Heritage Icons program. Funding will be used for a National Icons website and awards program, which will designate and promote national icons annually in the categories of: landscapes, coasts, trails, monuments and rivers. The program will also promote and recognise work done by organisations and communities to rescue and renovate places of national significance.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$200,000 (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Changi wall heritage project

Details The Government has committed to providing \$500,000 towards the establishment of a Changi Wall Heritage Project at the Changi Museum in Singapore.

The Wall would list the names of all known Australian service personnel who were imprisoned, injured or who lost their lives in Changi during World War II. The design and list of names would be a joint project between the Australian War Memorial and the Changi War Memorial, and would be subject to the advice of the RSL and the Singapore Government.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.500 (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Return Matthew Flinders' chart to Australia

Details The Government has committed to work cooperatively with the United Kingdom Government to negotiate the permanent loan of Captain Matthew Flinders' original 1804 chart of Australia. The Government has committed \$200,000 towards the effort and the charts' display in the National Museum of Australia.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$200,000 (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Stop People Smugglers: Tough new penalties

Details

The Government has committed to introduce tough new penalties for people smuggling and other associated crimes, with new minimum and non-parole periods, as soon as Parliament can be recalled.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Coalition Campaign Launch', Liberal Party website, Speech (08/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restore Sovereignty and Control to our Borders: Restoring the 45-day rule for protection visa applications

Details

The Government has committed re-introduce the 45-day rule, requiring applications for a protection visa to be lodged within 45 days of arrival if applicants want to access work rights and Medicare benefits (exemptions could be made through Ministerial intervention in exceptional circumstances).

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Restoring Sovereignty and Control to Our Borders', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Integrity and Fairness to Refugee Decision Making: Additional places in the humanitarian program allocated to offshore applicants

Details

The Government has committed to more placements being made available by Australia for refugees through the UNHCR process (i.e. coming out of displaced persons camps around the world), while keeping the overall number of places under the humanitarian programme unchanged (i.e. more places among the 13,750 in the humanitarian programme would be allocated to people applying offshore through the UNHCR).

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Restoring integrity and fairness to refugee decision making', Tony Abbott website, Speech (06/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced-Costs Costs not announced (Unlikely to be substantial given overall size of the humanitarian program would remain unchanged).

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Integrity and Fairness to Refugee Decision Making: Community sponsorship of refugees

Details

The Government has committed to a pilot programme (anticipating initially up to 1,250 places) to allow for refugees who have met all the relevant tests, including a health, security and identity check, to be sponsored by community groups. The proposal is based on the Canadian model of private sponsorship of refugees, and numbers would be above and beyond the existing humanitarian programme. The programme would be at no cost to the taxpayer and the sponsor would be responsible for the people concerned.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Restoring integrity and fairness to refugee decision making', Tony Abbott website, Speech (06/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Integrity and Fairness to Refugee Decision Making: Increased ministerial oversight of refugee decision making

Details

The Government has committed to providing the Minister with responsibility for immigration with greater oversight of decisions made on protection claims, with the power to intervene directly. The previous Government's Independent Merits Review Panel would be abolished. Appeals against a determination would be handled by another primary assessor, with a final right of appeal to the Minister. The Government would cease the provision of free legal advice to appellants.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Restoring integrity and fairness to refugee decision making', Tony Abbott website, Speech (06/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Integrity and Fairness to Refugee Decision Making: Presumption against refugee status for those who deliberately discard their identity documents

Details The Government has committed to creating a situation "Where an assessor makes a reasonable assessment that an applicant for asylum has discarded their identity documentation deliberately, there will be a presumption against awarding refugee status under Section 91W of the Migration Act [1958]".

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Restoring integrity and fairness to refugee decision making', Tony Abbott website, Speech (06/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Sovereignty and Control to our Borders: "Mothballing" Christmas Island

Details The Government has committed to "mothball" the facilities on Christmas Island linked to the establishment of the asylum seeker processing centre on Nauru. The Government will take a "border security dividend" as a result of this policy.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Hockey unveils independent costings', Business Spectator, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$257.82m (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Sovereignty and Control to our Borders: Restore temporary protection visas and require mutual obligation for benefits

Details

The Government has committed to reintroduce a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) for asylum seekers whose claims have been accepted, but who arrived without authorisation or were in breach of visa conditions at the time of lodgment of an asylum claim. Access to benefits by TPV holders will need to satisfy mutual obligation requirements, including work for benefits.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Restoring Sovereignty and Control to Our Borders', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced (Unlikely to be substantial given onus will be on TPV holder).

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Restoring Sovereignty and Control to our Borders: Turning boats back

Details

The Government has committed to returning unauthorised vessels and/or their passengers to their point of departure or an alternative third country destination on a case-by-case basis (where circumstances permit and vessels can be safely secured, with decisions informed by the advice of Commanders at the scene).

This policy will be implemented through interception of such vessels, whether in international waters, Australia's contiguous zone or territorial waters. Where a person seeking asylum from their home country has arrived in Australia without authorisation and has residency rights in a third country, they will be returned to that country of residency and their asylum claims will not be assessed in Australia.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Restoring Sovereignty and Control to Our Borders', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/05/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Border Control

Restoring Sovereignty and Control to our Borders: Unauthorised arrivals processed offshore (Nauru), not on the Australian mainland

Details

The Government has committed to ensure that all unauthorised arrivals seeking asylum are intercepted and processed offshore (initially on Christmas Island, but these facilities are to be mothballed in due course in response to the establishment of the offshore processing facility in Nauru). Use of mainland detention facilities for unauthorised maritime arrivals awaiting, or undergoing, claims processing will be discontinued.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Restoring Sovereignty and Control to Our Borders', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Securing our ports and airports

Details

The Government has committed to restoring the \$58.1 million in funding cut by the previous Government in the 2009-10 Budget for Customs and Border Protection's cargo inspection. The Government has also committed to increasing Customs and Border Protection's resources for cargo screening by \$35 million.

The funding is intended to enable Customs to inspect an estimated 52,500 additional sea cargo consignments and at least 7.5 million additional air cargo consignments.

Nationals Leader, Warren Truss, also committed the Government to targeting frontline biosecurity with a \$90 million boost to protect Australia's borders.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Securing our ports and airports', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (23/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	-\$93 million (spend) Coalition independent costing				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-11.2	-27.3	-27.3	-27.3	-93.1

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Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Provide a fairer deal on personal services income tax

Details The Government has committed to not change current laws relating to the treatment of personal services income. This effectively rejects recommendations made by the Board of Taxation and the 2009 Australia's Future Tax System review .

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Small business representation on the Board of Taxation

Details The Government has committed to ensure that, through future appointments, there is always small business representation on the Board of Taxation. This would involve ensuring one member of the Board has practical day to day experience of running a small business.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Extend unfair contract provisions to small business

Details The Government has committed to extend the unfair contracts protections available to consumers to small business, recognising that smaller enterprises may also be subject to 'standard form' contracts on a 'take it or leave it basis' with no opportunity to vary the terms and a significant imbalance in the parties' rights and responsibilities.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Improve access to small business finance

Details

The Government has committed to working with regulatory authorities to ensure that the commitment of personal guarantees and private asset mortgages (other than residential property) is rewarded by more affordable and improved access to small business finance.

This commitment is aimed at making changes to bring down the cost of small-medium enterprise loans and to make the sector more attractive to banks, by ensuring the regulatory framework recognises that small business lending risk is reduced when small businesses provide those mortgages and personal guarantees.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website., Policy Document (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Improving small business access to Commonwealth contracts

Details The Government has committed to requiring departments and agencies to use tender and procurement practices that will actively encourage small business participation in Commonwealth procurement. Commonwealth departments and agencies will be required to publish their small business guidelines in their annual reports.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Business (includes Small Business)

Real Action to Support Small Business: Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman

Details The Government has committed to establish a Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman to provide an advocacy, dispute resolution and support role for the sector across the Commonwealth Government. The office would support a Cabinet Minister responsible for small business, ensuring that there is a "whole of government" approach to responding to sector specific concerns and that there is meaningful engagement with small business on policy implementation.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (08/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$6 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Carers and Disability

Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities: Australian Disability Enterprises

Details The Government has committed funding of \$3.5 million over four years to support the appointment of an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) Advocate to encourage government departments to purchase from ADEs.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$-3.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Carers and Disability

Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities: Commonwealth Disabilities and Carers Ombudsman

Details

The Government has committed \$6 million over three years to establish a new Commonwealth Disability and Carer Ombudsman.

Among the Ombudsman's first tasks will be to undertake an audit of Australia's supported accommodation and to undertake an assessment of the need for additional special schools across Australia that cater for students with particular disabilities.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$6.0 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Carers and Disability

Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities: Establish young carer scholarship program

Details The Government has committed to establish a young carer scholarship program to award at least 150 young carers educational scholarships worth up to \$10,000 each, at a cost of \$3 million over three years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Carers and Disability

Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities: Fund the Insight School for the Blind and Vision-Impaired

Details The Government has committed to providing funding of \$2.2 million to the Insight School for the Blind and Vision-Impaired in Victoria to enable enrolments to occur prior to the commencement of the 2011 school year.

Spokesperson Mitch Fifield

Source 'Promise to help blind school', Herald Sun, p.6, Newspaper Report (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.2 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Carers and Disability

Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities: Improve access to digital content in public libraries

Details The Government has committed to provide \$1 million for digital playback devices and improved access to digital content in public libraries for people with vision impairment.

This policy, including funding, was agreed prior to the election and published in PEFO. It will therefore have no impact on the Underlying Cash or Fiscal balance.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action for Carers and People with Disabilities', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1.0 million (spend). This funding was agreed prior to the election

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Clean Energy Employment Hubs

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$60 million to develop the La Trobe Valley, Hunter and Central Queensland regions as Clean Energy Employment Hubs. The proposed 'Clean Energy Hubs' will support the identification and attraction of new employment opportunities to assist the transformation of local coal industry jobs to clean energy jobs.

Details on the establishment of the Clean Energy Hubs will be determined in close cooperation with local businesses and community leaders from each region.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$60 million (spend) including -\$15 million in 2014-15. Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Emissions Reduction Fund

Details

Through the Emissions Reduction Fund, the Government has committed to support 140 million tonnes of abatement per annum, by 2020, to meet the target of reducing emissions by 5 per cent by 2020 based on 1990 levels. The Government has committed to call for tenders for projects that will:

1. reduce CO2 emissions
2. deliver additional practical environmental benefits
3. not result in price increases to consumers
4. protect Australian jobs, and
5. not otherwise proceed without Fund assistance.

The Government has also committed to provide incentives through the Fund to support further direct action that may be required to meet Australia's emissions reduction targets. This may include direct action on forestry, energy efficiency, recycling and other measures as required. The Government has stated that preparations for an Emissions Reduction Fund will be underway within three months.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$2.55 billion (spend) including \$1 billion in 2014-15, with an estimated average annual cost of \$1.2 billion to 2020. Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Geothermal and Tidal Towns

Details The Government has committed to support community-scale geothermal and tidal energy projects through funding provided following competitive tenders. From 1 July 2011 towns and non-capital cities will be invited to submit proposals that access direct geothermal or tidal energy for on-site use and potential return to the grid. Grants will be for a maximum of \$2 million each and will be allocated on the basis of the greatest savings of CO2 per dollar of Government funding.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$50 million (spend), including -\$10 million in 2014-15. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Green Carbon Initiative

Details

The Government has committed to support, through the Emissions Reduction Fund, up to 85 million tonnes per annum, by 2020, of CO₂ abatement through soil carbons. The Government has reserved the right to increase this, subject to progress and evaluation.

The Government has committed to commence this work by offering to purchase 10 million tonnes of CO₂ abatement through soil carbon for 2012-13.

As part of the Green Carbon Initiative the Government has committed to provide \$10 million to the Green Skills for Farmers Initiative to assist farmers to reduce carbon emissions and increase carbon in their soils and vegetation.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs have not been announced, although the program is to be funded from the Emissions Reduction Fund

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Green Corridors and Urban Forests

Details

The Government has committed to provide for the planting of an additional 20 million trees by 2020 to re-establish urban forests and green corridors.

The trees will be for re-establishing urban forests and urban green corridors, using suitable public spaces in urban and regional corridors to be determined in consultation with local authorities and communities, and in accordance with principles of public safety, including fire and road safety provisions.

Based on industry estimates, the planting of 20 million trees will require approximately 200 to 400 square kilometres of land area depending on the intensity and will be delivered at a cost of around \$5 per tree. While this program will include large scale plantings in regional areas it will also include urban street planting and highways.

The Government has committed to conducting an immediate audit of suitable available public space as a first step towards delivering this initiative. The initiative will complement the Green Army commitment made on 14 January 2010, with tree-planting to be potentially conducted by the Green Army in cooperation with other local conservation, environmental, and community organisations.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$50 million (spend) over four years (from 2011-12), including \$20 million beyond the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Greenhouse Friendly Programme

Details The Government has committed to provide \$10 million to retain the 'Greenhouse Friendly' programme for a period of five years at a cost of \$2 million per year (the Greenhouse Friendly initiative operated from 2001 to 1 July 2010). The potential extension of the program beyond this period will be reviewed after three years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) including -\$2 million in 2014-15 and -\$2 million in 2015-16. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Harnessing the potential of algal synthesis and biofuels

Details The Government has committed to provide funding for a one year testing process to maximise opportunities for harnessing the benefits of algal synthesis and to ensure that algal energy and biofuels are both effective in the reduction of quantifiable levels of CO2 and will not distort the Australian food chain and food production processes.

It is subject to matching funding from the algal energy and biofuels sector.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: High Voltage Direct Current Transmission: Cleaning up our cities and supporting remote renewable energy

Details The Government has committed to provide \$2 million for a study that examines the costs and benefits of a National HVDC network, particularly the CO2 savings and energy generation savings. The study will also examine the potential land recovery from conversion of corridors for overhead powerlines through the use of underground major transmission lines to urban parklands and inner urban housing. The potential for self funding arrangements through land recovery and reforestation of rural and regional areas will also be examined.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 million (spend). This is to be funded from the Solar Towns and Solar Schools Initiative

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: One Million Solar Roofs

Details

The Government has committed to boost renewable energy use in Australian homes and communities by providing an extra \$1,000 rebate for either solar panels or solar hot water systems. The program will be capped at 100,000 rebates per year and a total cost of \$100 million per year.

The rebate will be on top of existing incentives and will replace the current solar hot water incentive when it ends. It is intended that the rebate will remain in place until 2020. Given their solar energy classification, heat pumps will be eligible under the program. In consultation with the renewable energy sector, the Government will also consider the inclusion of ceramic fuel cells and other new domestic technologies which may emerge.

The Government has also committed to establish a Community Solar Programme as part of the One Million Solar Roofs Initiative.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$400 million over four years (spend) including -\$100 million in 2014-15; \$100 million per annum to 2020. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Reducing emissions from electricity generators

Details The Government has committed to make incentives available, through the Emissions Reduction Fund, for the oldest and most inefficient power stations to reduce their emissions in an orderly manner which protects jobs, electricity prices and Australia's energy security.

The Government has committed to work with the electricity sector on the design of potential assistance that could be provided through the Fund to ensure both fairness and cost parity for consumers. Support from the Fund will only be considered if appropriate guarantees are received in relation to jobs, energy security, and electricity prices.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced, but the measure will be funded from the Emissions Reduction Fund

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Greenhouse Friendly Programme

Details The Government has committed to provide \$10 million to retain the 'Greenhouse Friendly' programme for a period of five years at a cost of \$2 million per year (the Greenhouse Friendly initiative operated from 2001 to 1 July 2010). The potential extension of the program beyond this period will be reviewed after three years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) including -\$2 million in 2014-15 and -\$2 million in 2015-16. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Harnessing the potential of algal synthesis and biofuels

Details The Government has committed to provide funding for a one year testing process to maximise opportunities for harnessing the benefits of algal synthesis and to ensure that algal energy and biofuels are both effective in the reduction of quantifiable levels of CO2 and will not distort the Australian food chain and food production processes.

It is subject to matching funding from the algal energy and biofuels sector.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: High Voltage Direct Current Transmission: Cleaning up our cities and supporting remote renewable energy

Details The Government has committed to provide \$2 million for a study that examines the costs and benefits of a National HVDC network, particularly the CO2 savings and energy generation savings. The study will also examine the potential land recovery from conversion of corridors for overhead powerlines through the use of underground major transmission lines to urban parklands and inner urban housing. The potential for self funding arrangements through land recovery and reforestation of rural and regional areas will also be examined.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 million (spend). This is to be funded from the Solar Towns and Solar Schools Initiative

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: One Million Solar Roofs

Details

The Government has committed to boost renewable energy use in Australian homes and communities by providing an extra \$1,000 rebate for either solar panels or solar hot water systems. The program will be capped at 100,000 rebates per year and a total cost of \$100 million per year.

The rebate will be on top of existing incentives and will replace the current solar hot water incentive when it ends. It is intended that the rebate will remain in place until 2020. Given their solar energy classification, heat pumps will be eligible under the program. In consultation with the renewable energy sector, the Government will also consider the inclusion of ceramic fuel cells and other new domestic technologies which may emerge.

The Government has also committed to establish a Community Solar Programme as part of the One Million Solar Roofs Initiative.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$400 million over four years (spend) including -\$100 million in 2014-15; \$100 million per annum to 2020. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Reducing emissions from electricity generators

Details The Government has committed to make incentives available, through the Emissions Reduction Fund, for the oldest and most inefficient power stations to reduce their emissions in an orderly manner which protects jobs, electricity prices and Australia's energy security.

The Government has committed to work with the electricity sector on the design of potential assistance that could be provided through the Fund to ensure both fairness and cost parity for consumers. Support from the Fund will only be considered if appropriate guarantees are received in relation to jobs, energy security, and electricity prices.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced, but the measure will be funded from the Emissions Reduction Fund

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Renewable Energy Target

Details The Government has committed to create a band within the Renewable Energy Target to be reserved for larger renewable energy projects (over 50 megawatt) or for emerging technologies such as solar fields, geothermal projects or tidal and wave projects over 10 megawatt.

The band to be reserved for these projects will be for up to 6000 gigawatt hours by 2020 and details will be determined with the Clean Energy Council and other representatives from the renewables sector.

The Government is also committed to introduce amendments to the Renewable Energy Target legislation allowing for wood biomass to benefit from energy incentives available to other renewable energy sources.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change: Solar Towns and Solar Schools Initiative

Details

The Government has committed to allocate \$100 million to a Solar Towns and Solar Schools Initiative.

Solar Towns: The Government has committed to hold competitive tenders commencing on 1 July 2011 for towns and non-capital cities to access direct solar energy for on site use and return to the grid. Grants will be for a maximum of \$2 million each and will be allocated on the basis of the greatest savings of CO2 per dollar of funding. The program will run for four years and support a minimum of 25 'Solar Town' projects.

Solar Schools: In addition to the existing Solar Schools program, the Government has committed to hold competitive tenders commencing on 1 July 2011 for Flagship Solar Schools across the country to access major solar energy projects for on site use and return to the grid. Grants will be for a maximum of \$500,000 each and will be allocated on the basis of the greatest savings of CO2 per dollar of Government funding. The program will run for four years and support a minimum of 100 Solar Schools projects. The Government has committed to provide grants under the Solar Schools program to specific schools (\$50,000 each for the Peninsula Special Development School, Somerville and Somerville Rise primary schools and \$100,000 for Unley High School).

The \$100 million allocation includes \$2 million for the Government's commitment to fund a major study into the use and application of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission within Australia ('High Voltage Direct Current Transmission: Cleaning up our Cities and Supporting Remote Renewable Energy').

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/02/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$100 million (spend) including -\$25 million in 2014-15. Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue Low Emission Assistance for Renters (Green Start)

Details The Government has committed to discontinue Green Start, involving savings of \$131.45 million over the three years 2011-12 to 2013-14.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition Savings Plan 20 May 2010' (updated 20 July 2010), Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (20/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$131.45 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	151.2	59.1	0.6	0.0	210.9

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Carbon Trust

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Australian Carbon Trust.
Savings in this commitment also relate to discontinuing the Climate Change Foundation Campaign.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition Savings Plan 20 May 2010' (updated 20 July 2010), Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (20/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$256.2 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Climate Change Foundation Campaign

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Climate Change Foundation Campaign, announced in the 2010-11 Budget with funding of \$30.42 million over 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition Savings Plan 20 May 2010' (updated 20 July 2010), Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (20/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$21.969 million (save) as part of the Discontinue the Carbon Trust commitment.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Green Loans

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding for the Green Loans program by \$10 million in 2012-13.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future, Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation -

Announced Costs \$10 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding for the Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme by \$75 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12, totalling \$150 million.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$150 million (savings). Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Solar Homes and Communities Plan

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding for the Solar Homes and Communities Plan by \$22 million in 2010-11.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$22 million (savings). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan to Support Agriculture: Mapping Australia's Agricultural Carbon Footprint

Details The Government has committed \$8 million to develop a third-party auditable map for all of Australia's agricultural production, from paddock to plate. This information would be developed with the intention of proving Australia's reputation as a supplier of clean, green products and defending that reputation in the global market place with factual information.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Regional Agriculture Policy', Liberal Party website , Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million (spend) over 4 years. Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: National Energy Efficiency Partnership

Details The Government has committed to establish a National Energy Efficiency Partnership to improve building energy efficiency standards. The Partnership will set voluntary energy efficiency targets for Australia's top 500 commercial energy consumers.

The Government has committed also to work with a range of industry groups including the Clean Energy Council, the Energy Efficiency Council, the Green Buildings Council and the Property Council to develop energy efficiency measures complementary to the Emissions Reduction Fund.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Direct Action Plan on the Environment and Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Clean Up Labor's Home Insulation Mess

Details

The Government has committed to provide an additional \$30 million through the Insulation Industry Assistance Package to assist businesses affected under the Home Insulation Program. Eligibility criteria to access the assistance package will also be broadened allowing more businesses to access assistance.

Within two weeks of coming to office, the Government will begin talks with industry representatives and affected businesses to finalise arrangements for the delivery of the revised assistance measures. This may include the provision of assistance based upon independent verification of revenue impacts on affected businesses.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action to Clean Up Labors Home Insulation Mess', Tony Abbott website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$30 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Fix Labor's Roof Batt Mess

Details

The Government has committed to ensure that every home with insulation installed under the Home Insulation Program receives a proper safety inspection. This will be achieved through an expansion of existing inspection arrangements and the reimbursement of householders who organise their own inspections by qualified tradesmen.

The Government will reimburse householders whose insulation has to be removed for safety reasons related to Home Insulation Program. The cost of this commitment will be met from existing Home Insulation Safety Program allocations. The Government will consult with industry, authorities and other stakeholders on appropriate measures for both safety and probity. The Government will finalise and release the new measures within one month of coming to office.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Coalition to Take Real Action to Fix Labor's Roof Batts Mess', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (08/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Commonwealth-State Relations (Federalism)

Council of Australian Governments to meet within three months

Details The Government has committed to hold a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting within three months to secure states and territories agreement to its plan for a community-controlled public hospital system and new public hospital beds.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source '2010 Federal Coalition Campaign Launch', Liberal Party website, Speech (08/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Commonwealth-State Relations (Federalism)

Pay off the Debt: Council of Australian Governments (COAG): Reduce the number of COAG meetings

Details The Government has committed to reducing the number of COAG meetings to two per annum, with the meetings to be held in Canberra. Savings of \$0.3 million over three years beginning in 2011-12 have been identified as a result of this measure.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$0.300 million (save) over three years beginning in 2011-12

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Addressing mobile phone blackspots

Details The Government has committed to provide \$30 million in 2010-11 and 2011-12 in grant funding to address mobile coverage blackspots in urban and rural areas.
The Government will work with the telecommunications industry and communities to target areas with inadequate mobile coverage.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$30 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Conduct a major review of the Universal Service Obligation

Details The Government has committed to conduct a major review of the Universal Service Obligation (USO) with a view to providing enhanced consumer protections. The National Broadband Commission will be asked to examine the proposal to replace the USO with a Communications Service Standard. The review will be timed to ensure new arrangements can be in place by 30 June 2014.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Create a new national fibre optic backhaul network

Details

The Government has committed to provide up to \$2.75 billion with an expectation of leveraging an additional \$750 million in private sector funding to build or lease competitive backhaul across Australia. Funding will not be provided on routes where competitive backhaul is already available. This program will be managed by the National Broadband Commission.

Direct fibre connections will be offered to as many schools and hospitals within the backhaul footprint as possible through a competitive selection process. At a minimum, in each location where there is a point of interconnect, a school or hospital in that location will be provided with a direct fibre connection.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2750 million (spend) including \$2.6 billion beyond the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Discontinue funding for NBN implementation

Details The Government has committed to abolish the NBN and has identified savings of \$17.6 million for funding currently allocated to DBCDE and DFD for NBN Implementation.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$24.3 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	7.9	4.4	3.1	2.2	17.6

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Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Discontinue funding for USO Co

Details The Government has committed to abolish the National Broadband Network. Savings of \$100 million have been identified as Telstra retains responsibility to perform its Universal Service Obligations.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$100 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Discontinue funds towards the retraining and redeployment of Telstra staff

Details The Government has committed to not proceed with the National Broadband Network (NBN). Savings of \$100 million have been identified from discontinuing funding allocated to retrain and redeploy Telstra staff who would have lost positions as a result of NBN Co's acquisition of Telstra's infrastructure.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$100 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Establish a Fixed Broadband Optimisation Programme

Details

The Government has committed to establish a \$750 million Fixed Broadband Optimisation Programme to increase the number of households that can receive a broadband service over a wireline.

This programme will:

- install DSLAMs in exchanges that don't have them;
- replace earlier generation DSLAMs installed in exchanges with ASDL2;
- remediate pair gain lines;
- redesign networks served by Remote Integrated Multiplexes to enable the delivery of broadband services; and
- using other technologies to provide broadband services to premises that cannot receive DSL.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$750 million (spend) including \$200 million beyond the forward estimates

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

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Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Establish a National Broadband Commission

Details

The Government will provide \$115 million over seven years to establish a National Broadband Commission (NBC). The NBN Board will include people with experience and knowledge of rural telecommunications. By drawing on selected personnel and resources of the current NBN Co and telecommunications regulators the NBC will be able to start immediately.

The NBC will design and manage a competitive selection process to select the private sector companies to execute the various programs in the Government's Broadband Plan. The networks funded under this plan will be required to be open access.

The NBC will prioritise work on new networks and services in areas of greatest need and will:

- develop a business plan for approval by the minister;
- build and maintain a National Broadband Database within six months of the Government taking office; and
- conducting a tender for parties wishing to continue to operate the NBN Co trial locations in Tasmania.

The NBC will be reviewed after ten years, with an expectation it will have completed its tasks and a presumption in favour of it being wound up. If the NBC can spend less than the amount allocated it will be required to do so.

Spokesperson	Tony Smith				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$115 million (spend) including \$45 million beyond the forward estimates				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Fund new broadband satellite services

Details The Government has committed to provide \$700 million over seven years to support satellite delivered broadband services to the three per cent of Australian premises not covered by other broadband technology. This measure will continue the Australian Broadband Guarantee programme and allow for an increase in the minimum standard for services provided under the programme. The National Broadband Commission will make recommendations on how to deliver \$450 million in funding for the delivery of emerging satellite technology from 2014-15 onwards.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$700 million (spend) including \$450 million beyond the forward estimates

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks

Details The Government has committed to provide up to \$1 billion in grant funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks serving rural and remote Australia. The Government will also provide up to \$1 billion in investment funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks in metropolitan Australia, with an emphasis on outer metropolitan areas. The rollout of these networks will be completed by 2016 to achieve a national broadband baseline of with 97 per cent of premises serviced by high speed networks using DSL, fixed wireless and other technologies including HFC. The Government will ensure these premises receive services at prices comparable to metropolitan areas. This item represents the recurring expenditure, the investment component is at Commitment Number 817

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 billion (spend) including \$1075 million beyond the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks: Infrastructure

Details The Government has committed to provide up to \$1 billion in grant funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks serving rural and remote Australia. The Government will also provide up to \$1 billion in investment funding for new fixed wireless broadband networks in metropolitan Australia, with an emphasis on outer metropolitan areas. The rollout of these networks will be completed by 2016 to achieve a national broadband baseline of with 97 per cent of premises serviced by high speed networks using DSL, fixed wireless and other technologies including HFC. The Government will ensure these premises receive services at prices comparable to metropolitan areas. This is the investment component, the recurring component is at Commitment Number 448

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 billion (spend) including \$1075 million beyond the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Interest savings on cancelling NBN (Contingency Reserve)

Details The Government is not proceeding with the NBN. \$2.436 billion in public debt interest has been identified as a Budget saving.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2.436 billion (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: New measures to support competition and broadband investment

Details The Government has committed to introduce legislation containing the reforms to Part XIB and XIC which are presently contained in the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009. The legislation may include additional reforms to further stimulate broadband network investment. The Government will also seek urgent advice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and market participants about further pricing reforms which may allow even longer term price setting.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications: Review fibre deployment to greenfields estates

Details The Government has committed to conduct an urgent review of whether to mandate that all greenfields connections must be fibre. The review will be informed by stakeholders from both within and outside of the telecommunications sector.
The Government has set 1 January 2012 as the earliest possible start date for implementing any new arrangements.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Broadband and Telecommunications', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online: Establish a new ministerial advisory committee on social networking

Details The Government has committed to implement a range of cybersafety measures including the establishment of a ministerial advisory committee on social networking. Under this measure, the operators of social networking sites will work with government to limit the potential harm caused by inappropriate social networking. There are no financial implications.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online: Expand ACMA's Cybersafety Outreach Programme

Details The Government has committed to implement a range of cybersafety measures including providing \$30 million to extend and expand the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) Cybersafety outreach programme in schools. This funding will also support the expansion of ACMA's Cybersafety portal and establish a Cybersafety Hotline.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$30 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online: Provide a free PC-based internet filter to families

Details The Government has committed to provide \$60 million to give quality internet filtering technology free to families to install on their PCs. The Government will not implement mandatory ISP-level filtering.

Spokesperson Tony Smith

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Protect Australian Families Online', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$60 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Communications and Information Technology

Sale of 2.5GHz band spectrum

Details The Government has committed to auction rights to use 2.5GHz band (2500-2690 MHz) spectrum in 2012-13. The auction is expected to raise at least \$200 million that will be returned to budget.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition Costing Document, Policy Document (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$200 million (increase in revenue) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment



10. Community Services

Funding for celebrating the canonisation of Mary MacKillop

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Community Services

Funding for celebrating the canonisation of Mary MacKillop

Details The Government has committed \$1.5 million for celebrations related to the canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Gillard announces \$1.5m for MacKillop', AAP Newswire (article refers to both parties making announcements), Newspaper Report (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

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Retain Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah	11-9

Acquire Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Details

The Government has committed to acquire three new state-of-the-art Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), to be in-service in 2015-16.

The Government is committed to providing this leading edge UAV technology as a long range surveillance aircraft in the protection of our borders.

Spokesperson	David Johnston
Source	'Coalition Defence Policy 2010', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs The costs of purchasing the aircraft are beyond the forward estimates, and as such are not included in the Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Additional support for the Defence Gap Year Program

Details The Government has committed to contribute \$75 million towards increasing the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year Program intake to 1,000 places per year from 2011-12.

Spokesperson David Johnston

Source 'Coalition Defence Policy 2010', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$75.000 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Construction of a cruise ship terminal in Townsville

Details The Government has committed to contribute \$7.5 million towards the completion of a Queensland Government project to construct a cruise ship terminal in Townsville.

This will be absorbed from within the existing Department of Defence budget, as the Defence Force will be the facility's main user.

Spokesperson David Johnston

Source 'Coalition pledges funds for Townsville cruise terminal,' ABC news online, Newspaper Report (17/08/2010)

Legislation Not required

Announced Costs -\$7.5 million (spend). This is to be absorbed within the existing Defence budget.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Develop a Defence Reserves Green Paper

Details The Government has committed to develop a Defence Reserves Green Paper.

Spokesperson David Johnston

Source 'Coalition Defence Policy 2010', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Establish a Defence Industry Advocate

Details The Government has committed to provide \$4 million towards the establishment of a Defence Industry Advocate (DIA) to assist the Australian defence industry in their dealings with the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO).

Spokesperson David Johnston

Source 'Coalition Defence Policy 2010', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$4.000 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Establish medal for families of war dead since 1948

Details The Government has committed to establish a new medal for the families of military personnel killed in combat since 1948. The commitment would have a small financial impact.

Spokesperson David Johnston

Source 'Liberals to Honour Fallen Defence Personnel with New Medal', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (25/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Expand health and dental care for ADF members and their families

Details The Government has committed to provide \$77.5 million towards the expansion of free basic medical and dental care to the family members of full-time Australian Defence Force personnel at or in close proximity to Defence establishments across the country. This proposal will expand the numbers which currently have access to these services under a 'trial' program. The Government will work with organisations such as the Defence Families Association in the implementation of this commitment.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action to Expand Health and Dental Care for ADF Members and their Families', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (31/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$77.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Implement an aircraft noise policy for RAAF Base Williamtown

Details

The Government has committed to:

1. Installing a second Instrument Landing System (ILS) intended to result in more aircraft approaching the RAAF Base Williamtown from the sea rather than across Brandy Hill and Raymond Terrace
2. Extending the runway towards the sand hills which will move the noise footprint and remove/reduce the effect of the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) from Brandy Hill, Raymond Terrace and Medowie without shifting the noise problem onto other residences
3. Repealing and replacing the 2025 ANEF so that the above measures can be incorporated into new noise contour maps, and
4. Establishing an Independent Audit Committee to fully examine all proposals that can further mitigate the noise effect on the community.

Spokesperson	Bob Baldwin
Source	'Coalition Launches Aircraft Noise Policy', Bob Baldwin website, Media Statement (29/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Retain Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah

Details

The Government has committed to retaining the Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah for the long term.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'Coalition to retain Borneo barracks at Cabarlah', Ian Macfarlane website, Media Statement (09/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

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Early Childhood

Real Action on Child Care: Establish a federal planning and advisory committee

Details The Government has committed to establishing a federal planning and advisory committee to ensure that new child care centres are accredited on an as-needs basis at a cost of \$4 million over four years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Child Care', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (26/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$4 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Child Care: Improving payments to families and services

Details

The Government has committed to:

- reintroducing indexation of the Child Care Rebate at a cost of \$86.7 million over four years
- paying the Child Care Rebate weekly direct to child care providers as soon as possible at a cost of \$1.75 million over four years, and
- reintroducing funding for Neighbourhood Model Occasional Care at a cost of \$12.6 million over four years.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Child Care', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (26/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$101.05 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment The Minister with responsibility for child care should bring forward a new policy proposal for consideration prior to MYEFO.

There is general support in the community for paying the Child Care Rebate more regularly. The main risk around paying the Child Care Rebate weekly concerns the timeframe for implementation. This needs to be informed by an analysis of the changes required to DEEWR and Centrelink IT systems and third party software packages that are used by child care services. These changes are likely to be significant and generally require at least a six month lead time. Work would need to commence immediately after the election.

Changes to the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* would be required to pay the Child Care Rebate weekly.

Early Childhood

Real Action on Child Care: Review the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care

Details The Government has committed to review the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care to ensure it takes account of cost and workforce impacts, at a cost of \$7 million over four years. The Government has also committed to not proceed with the National Quality Rating System, with an anticipated saving of \$22.8 million over four years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Child Care', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (26/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$15.8 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

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Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Comprehensive and independent review of the Trade Practices Act (1974)

Details The Government has committed to undertake a comprehensive and independent review of the Trade Practices Act (1974), including all aspects of competition arrangements in Australia, chaired by an eminent Australian independent of the public service. The outcome is aimed at giving small business a "fair go"; farmers having their concerns about downstream pricing addressed; and greater clarity around misleading and deceptive conduct.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'National Press Club Budget Address', Liberal Party website, Speech (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Increase Australian Taxation Office Compliance Activity

Details

The Government has committed to cracking down on people who try to avoid paying their fair share of tax by providing additional compliance resources to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) to detect and deter potentially fraudulent tax and excise refund claims by individuals and organisations.

Additionally, the Government will give the ATO funding and stronger powers to pursue phoenix company activity. These powers will include:

- Legislating to automatically apply the current Director Penalty Regime (DPR) after three months, removing the current "grace period" that can be exploited by phoenix operators.
- Providing the ATO with the authority to stop directors and their associates accessing PAYG(W) credits in their own tax returns where their company has not made the PAYG(W) payments to the ATO.
- Extending the DPR to include Superannuation Guarantee (SG) payments.

Spokesperson	Joe Hockey				
Source	'Coalition costings', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$268 million (increase in revenue) Coalition independent costing				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: Develop a taxation white paper

Details

The Government has committed to developing taxation green and white papers to determine a comprehensive tax reform agenda in consultation with the Australian people.

The Government's key objectives for further taxation reform will be the delivery of lower, simpler and fairer taxes for Australian families, households and businesses. Central to this will be the delivery of significant personal income tax cuts through lower and flatter tax rates and further reduction in the company tax rate - with the objective of reducing the company tax rate to 25 per cent.

The Government will then seek a second-term mandate for this tax reform agenda by putting its proposals to the public at the next federal election.

Spokesperson	Joe Hockey				
Source	'Real Action to End the Waste and Deliver Lower Fairer and Simpler Taxes', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (12/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: Lower the company tax rate

Details The Government has committed to reduce the company tax rate from 30 per cent to 28.5 per cent from 1 July 2013. The Government has indicated a desire to further cut the company tax rate to 25 per cent once the budget is in surplus.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Economic Action Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (28/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2.625 billion cost to revenue

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: No increase to the GST rate or base

Details The Government has committed to not increasing the GST rate or broadening its base.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Swan has the form to increase GST', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: Publicly release all Henry Tax Review information

Details The Government has committed to publicly releasing all information relating to the "Australia's Future Tax System (Henry) review" within a month of coming to office as the basis for a fully transparent and informed public discussion. The Government has also committed to releasing all Treasury modelling of the Henry review's recommendations for superannuation.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Economic Action Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: Tax receipts

Details The Government has committed to providing every PAYG taxpayer with a taxation receipt that provides details on how tax revenue has been spent and the level of Australian Government debt.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Real Action to End the Waste and Deliver Lower Fairer and Simpler Taxes', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Lower, Fairer and Simpler Tax System: Will not implement a number of Henry tax review recommendations

Details

The Government has committed to not implementing the following recommendations made by the Henry review:

- New taxes on business activity (Recommendation 26)
- Scrapping the private health insurance rebate (Recommendation 7(b))
- Means testing the Child Care Rebate (Recommendation 100)
- Reduce indexation of the age pension (Recommendation 84)
- New taxes and charges on small businesses and sole operators (Recommendation 10)
- Remove structural and concessional offsets such as the Low Income Tax Offset without appropriate compensation(Recommendation 5)
- Introduce a bequests tax (Recommendation 25)
- Remove the Medicare levy (part of Recommendation 5)
- Remove tax concessions, raising the gift deductibility threshold or changing income tax arrangements for clubs (Recommendations 9e, 13, 41, 43 & 44)
- Taxes on Australians driving to work (Recommendations 61-68)
- Include the family home in means tests (Recommendation 88(c))
- Introduce land taxes on the family home (Recommendations 52 & 53)
- Require parents to work when their youngest child turns four (Recommendation 85)
- Disadvantage families relative to separated couples (Recommendation 91(b))
- Hit single income families (Recommendations 92 & 93)
- Restrict eligibility to rent assistance for families(Recommendation 103)
- Reduce overall remuneration to members of the defence forces (Recommendations 6d, 8c & 9e)
- Reduce the CGT discount, apply a discount to negative gearing deductions, or change grandfathering arrangements for CGT (Recommendations 14 & 17c)
- Remove dividend imputation (Recommendation 37)
- Changing pensioner and low income concessions for utilities, transport and other essential services (Recommendation 107)
- Offer a government annuity product (Recommendation 22)
- Ask the States to charge market rents to public housing recipients (Recommendation 106)
- Abolish the Luxury car tax (Recommendation 80)
- Change alcohol tax (Recommendation 71)
- Align preservation age with pension age (Recommendation in AFTS Retirement Income Strategic Issues Paper)

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Lower, Fairer and Simpler Taxes', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Maintain the current R&D tax incentive scheme

Details The Government has committed to retaining the present R&D tax incentives until at least 1 July 2011, in order to ensure certainty and stability for business. During this period, the Government has committed to working with industry to design improved incentives.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action: Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Cancel the growth dividend

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource tax changes and related measures that would have resulted or been funded from these changes. This includes the increase in taxation revenue from increased economic activity, referred to as the 'growth dividend'.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$304 million (reduction in revenue) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	-84.0	-169.0	-253.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Government administrative and capital cost savings from not implementing related measures

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. Not proceeding with the related measures creates savings from avoided government administrative, capital and associated costs.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$637.7 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Government administrative and capital costs savings

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures. This avoids anticipated government administrative and capital costs associated with implementing the resource taxation changes, as well as the distribution of GST revenue to the States and Territories as part of the expected growth dividend.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$153.5 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with a standard deduction for work related expenses

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from the revenue raised by these changes. This includes the measure to introduce a standard deduction for work related expenses.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$410 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	2.6	85.7	596.4	684.7

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with early start to company tax rate cut for small business

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource tax changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the early start to the company tax rate cut for small business, which was to have applied from 1 July 2012.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$200 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	54.7	100.6	51.2	206.5

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the 50 per cent tax discount on interest income

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the 50 per cent tax discount on interest income.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$950 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	5.1	48.1	516.1	525.7	1,095.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the development and implementation of the Government's response to the Australia's Future Tax System review

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes not proceeding with the development and implementation of a response to the Australia's Future Tax System review, producing administrative and capital cost savings.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$29.4 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	10.6	11.4	6.3	1.1	29.4

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the increase in the superannuation concessional contribution cap for individuals aged over 50

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the measure to increase the superannuation concessional contribution cap for individuals aged over 50.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1.33 billion (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	22.5	16.4	573.4	810.4	1,422.7

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the increase of the superannuation guarantee rate from 9 to 12 per cent

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes. The Government will not proceed with measures funded from the revenue raised by these resource taxation changes, including the measure to increase the superannuation guarantee rate from 9 to 12 per cent.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$240 million saving Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.6	7.0	13.8	251.2	272.6

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the phasing down of interest withholding tax on financial institutions

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the measure to phase down interest withholding tax on financial institutions.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$70 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.1	0.1	70.1	70.3

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the small business instant asset write-off and simplified asset pooling

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource tax changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes providing small businesses with instant asset write-off and simplified asset pooling for depreciation purposes.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1,030m (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	2.0	1,030.0	1,032.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the state infrastructure fund

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the creation of the state infrastructure fund.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1.835 billion (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	700.0	735.0	1,435.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Not proceed with the super contributions tax rebate for low income earners

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource taxation changes and related measures that would have been funded from these changes. This includes the measure to introduce a superannuation contributions tax rebate for low income earners.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$830 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.7	19.6	866.7	887.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

No New Mining Taxes: Retain existing mining tax arrangements

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with resource tax changes. These changes include the application of the MRRT to iron ore and coal projects, and the extension of the PRRT to onshore and offshore oil and gas projects.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Abbot vows to fight election on new mining tax deal', The Australian, Newspaper Report (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs This commitment involves a cost to revenue in the order of \$10.5 billion over the forward estimates period. The savings commitment to not proceed with related tax measures reduces the net cost to revenue. Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	7.0	33.7	-3,962.2	-6,472.7	-10,394.2

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Overtaken by events: No new mining taxes: Not proceed with the announced company tax rate cut to 29 per cent

Details The Government has committed to not proceeding with the currently proposed changes to resource taxation. Based on the published budget savings document, the Government will not proceed with measures that were to be funded from the revenue raised by these resource taxation changes, including cutting the company tax rate from 30 per cent to 29 per cent. NOTE: This election commitment is superseded by the Government's announcement on 28 July 2010 to reduce the company tax rate from 30 to 28.5 per cent. (See Lowering the company tax rate - entry 152)

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Abbot vows to fight election on new mining tax deal', The Australian, Newspaper Report (02/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1,750m (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	0.0	300.0	1,450.0	1,750.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Abolish the post of Petrol Commissioner

Details The Government has committed to reverse the 2010-11 Budget measure establishing a Petrol Commissioner and formal monitoring of petrol prices.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$4.0 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	4.2

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for the Centre for International Finance and Regulation

Details The Government has committed to discontinuing the funding of \$24.1 million over four years for the Centre for International Finance and Regulation, a 2010-11 Budget measure announced by the previous Government.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$24.1 million (save) over four years

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	5.1	9.0	8.0	2.0	24.1

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Further increasing the efficiency dividend from 1.25% to 2%

Details The Government has committed to raising the efficiency dividend from 1.25 per cent to 2 per cent in 2012-13 and 2013-14. The efficiency dividend will apply to departmental not administered costs of departments. Existing exemptions will continue.

This commitment is in addition to the commitment to raise the efficiency dividend from 1 percent to 1.25 per cent from 2011-12 to 2013-14.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$990 million (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Indexation of passport fees

Details The Government has committed to automatically increase passport fees each year, in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The standard passport application fee will increase from \$208 to \$226 from 1 January 2011. From 1 January 2012, application fees will increase annually in line with CPI. Priority processing fees and penalty fees for replacement passports will also increase.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition costings', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$193 million (increase in revenue)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Raise the efficiency dividend from 1% to 1.25%

Details The Government has committed to raising the efficiency dividend from 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent from 2011-12 to 2013-14. The efficiency dividend will apply to departmental, not administered costs, of departments. Existing exemptions will continue.

In addition to this increase, the Government has committed to raising the efficiency dividend from 1.25 percent to 2 percent in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future' Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$390 million (save). Coalition independent costings. Similar ALP commitment Charter costed.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	60.0	130.0	200.0	390.0

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Reduce consultancy expenses

Details The Government has committed to reducing consultancy fees within government by \$50 million per year across the forward estimates.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$200 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Reform of Public Service Travel

Details The Government has committed to the reform of public service travel arrangements to achieve savings of \$350 million over the forward estimates.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$350 million (save) over the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Remove funding quarantined for ICT spending

Details The Government has committed to remove funding currently quarantined under the Gershon reforms for ICT spending across Government (the Business-As-Usual ICT Fund).

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalitions Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future' Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$447.4 million (save). Coalition independent costings. Equivalent ALP commitment Charter costed.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	39.7	117.7	113.5	176.5	447.5

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Return the Budget to Surplus

Details

The Government's costing of its election commitments projected a return of the Budget to surplus of \$6.2 billion in 2012-13 and \$7.3 billion in 2013-14.

The government's financial management will deliver an improved Budget position over the forward estimates of \$11.5 billion. This excludes the investment commitments of \$4.5 billion over the forward estimates.

Spokesperson

Joe Hockey

Source

'Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$6,188 million underlying cash balance (surplus) in 2012-13 and \$7,309 million underlying cash balance (surplus) in 2013-14. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the Debt: Sale of Medibank Private

Details The Government has committed to selling Medibank Private and using the proceeds to pay down government debt.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Between \$3.5 billion and \$4.5 billion (revenue)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the debt: Improving grant compliance

Details The Government has committed to initiating reporting by government agencies of taxable grants and payments to contractors to ensure these payments are being properly accounted for.

Internal government reporting of taxable payments will assist the Australian Taxation Office to ensure these payments are being properly reported.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source Coalition costings document, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$49.7m (saving)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the debt: Interest savings on improved budgetary position

Details The Government has committed to a range of savings to the budget to increase the surplus and to repay Government debt. If these savings are realised, it will reduce the forecast interest payments as a result of lower Government debt.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source Coalition costings document, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$781.1m (saving)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the debt: Reduce the contingency reserve

Details The Government has committed to reducing the size of the contingency reserve.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition costings', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2518m (saving)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Pay off the debt: Sale of Medibank Private Limited - savings on debt interest

Details The Government has committed to selling Medibank Private Limited and using the savings on debt interest to pay down government debt.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$660 million (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Economic and Fiscal Policy (includes Tax)

Real Action on Sustainable Population Growth: Establishing the Productivity and Sustainability Commission

Details

The Government has committed to tasking the new Productivity and Sustainability Commission with:

- Supporting Governments, including through COAG, in their deliberations in framing policy decisions about future population growth; and
- Conducting an independent inquiry, including receiving submissions and undertaking research, to make recommendations in relation to the management of Australia's population.

The Commission is to be appropriately staffed to undertake these new functions, including by seconding staff from existing departments and agencies as appropriate.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Towards a Productive and Sustainable Population Growth Path', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (25/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$16 million (spend) Coalition independent costings				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-16.0

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AUSCORPS - Volunteering to reduce Higher Education Loan Program debts

Details The Government has committed \$7 million over four years to a three year pilot program that will commence from 1 January 2012 to assist full-time domestic undergraduate students to partially pay off their Higher Education Loan Program debt. The students will get a \$10 an hour credit up to a maximum of \$2000 a year to offset their debt and would need to do a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work a year.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Abbott promises partial HECS offsets to students who volunteer', The Courier Mail, p.4, Newspaper Report (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$7 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Action Plan to Stop Labor's School Hall Waste

Details

The Government has committed:

- that from the first day, payments to state governments [under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program] will be suspended and instead money will be directed to school P&Cs.

And in the first week to:

- redirect unspent BER 'school halls' funds away from state education departments and instead give these funds directly to each school
- allow each school to self-manage projects in order to deliver better value for money; and
- let schools keep the money they save for investment in other worthy projects or for more comprehensive infrastructure in the first place.

The Government will consult extensively with affected stakeholders about the most effective way to ensure schools get what they want and achieve value for money. Schools that have been allocated funding under the previous government's BER 'school halls' programme will still be entitled to receive that money. However, they will have the option of choosing to stick with the project/s they have been told they will receive, or to select another option that actually suits their needs. If they keep their original project, they will be free to take on the management of that project themselves, including getting better value for money through a proper competitive tender process and the use of local builders and contractors rather than state government controlled providers.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's real action plan to stop Labor's school hall waste and provide a schools building boost', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (07/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment



Delay introduction of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency until 2012

Details The Government has committed to delay the introduction of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) until 2012 to ensure that national regulation will replace, not duplicate, state regulation of universities. In addition, any university in the top-100 universities in the world on the Times Index of Higher Education would be exempted from regulation by TEQSA.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'Coalition would defer regulator', The Australian Financial Review, p.13, Newspaper Report (08/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Education Investment Fund: Amend youth allowance

Details

The Government has committed to amend the workforce participation criteria for independent youth allowance and ABSTUDY to broaden the work test for students in regional areas from 2011.

The Government has also committed to establishing a \$1 billion Regional Education Fund to support education in rural Australia. The Fund will support rural students, schools and universities, including through investments in education and communication tools and programs to encourage teachers to move to and stay in regional areas.

The Fund will also support capital investment in regional universities, as well as initiatives by universities to offer innovative educational opportunities for country students and to provide extra material support for students who need to move to obtain their higher education. The Fund will also fund the changes to youth allowance and ABSTUDY.

A Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Education will be appointed and a dedicated regional education unit will also be established in the relevant department to oversee the Fund.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'Truss announces \$1 billion regional education fund', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$322.000 (spend) Coalition independent costing. This announcement was made in the context of a \$1billion Regional Education Fund. However, this does not appear in the Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Education Investment Fund: Reintroduce Australian Technical Colleges

Details The Government has committed to provide \$740 million over four years to re-introduce Australian Technical Colleges. Funding of \$690 million will be provided for 30 new Australian Technical Colleges, \$15 million will fund integration of Trade Training Centres into the Australian Technical College network and \$35 million will fund integration of former Australian Technical Colleges into the new Australian Technical College network. The first round of funding will open in late 2010.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Tony Abbott to revive Australian Technical Colleges', The Australian, Newspaper Report (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$740 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Capping the low socio-economic status participation equity program

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding for the low socio-economic status participation program for higher education by \$229 million over three years, commencing from 2011-12. The existing program allocated \$325 million over four years to support a financial loading per student to reward higher education institutions for attracting and retaining students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$227 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue Trade Training Centres in schools

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the trade training centres program. Savings of \$968 million over four years have been announced, beginning in the 2010-11 financial year.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey
Source 'Coalition Savings', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$968 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	287.7	263.7	274.8	286.3	1,112.5

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Digital Education Revolution

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund component of the Digital Education Revolution. This is expected to save \$700 million over four years, beginning in the 2010-11 financial year.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition Savings', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$642.7 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	42.7	200.0	200.0	200.0	642.7

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Smarter Schools Improving Teacher Quality program

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the Smarter Schools Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership Agreement, with anticipated savings of \$245 million over 4 years.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey
Source 'Coalition Savings', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation
Announced Costs \$425 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	34.0	216.0	175.0	0.0	425.0

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Better teacher reward fund

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$210 million over three years to pay bonuses of up to \$6,500 to the best performing teachers. A fund will be established in 2013 and administered by an independent board. The board will make payments directly to teachers. Preference will be given to disadvantaged schools, regional schools and schools with high proportions of special needs students.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Tony Abbott aims to trump Labor on teacher performance bonuses', The Australian, Newspaper Report (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$210 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Continue the National School Chaplaincy Program

Details The Government has committed to continue the National School Chaplaincy Program which was due to expire at the end of 2011. Funding of \$165 million will be provided to continue the program over the forward estimates period.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'School Chaplains program to end in 2011', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$220 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Encourage study of foreign languages in schools

Details The Government has committed to work with states and territories to reconsider and reinforce the weighting and other incentives which are supposed to encourage high school students to study foreign languages.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Establish a school technology fund

Details The Government has committed to provide \$120 million over four years towards the establishment of a school technology fund. Schools will be able to apply directly for grants of up to \$50,000 for information and communications technology, with an expert assessment panel established to assess applications, with priority given to the most disadvantaged schools.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$120 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Extend the Secure Schools Programme

Details The Government has committed to a \$15 million programme which will provide grants to schools at risk of religious or racially motivated attack, harassment or violence to improve their security arrangements.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend). Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Increase principal autonomy

Details The Government has committed to deliver greater principal autonomy through recurrent funding agreements with the states and territories. The principal autonomy model will:

- allow direct school involvement in selection and ongoing performance management of staff
- increase flexibility to support schools to choose how to deploy financial resources that flow to the school, and
- support schools or several schools to plan together with a range of options in addition to transitional governance arrangements.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Education

Quality Education: Increase the Education Tax Refund

Details The Government has committed to increasing the Education Tax Refund amount for primary students (\$500 per year) and secondary students (\$1,000 per year) and to expanding the type of expenses that can be claimed from 1 January 2011.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real action to help parents meet school costs', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (21/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$540 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Re-introduce establishment grants for new schools

Details The Government has committed to provide \$10 million over four years to re-introduce establishment grants for new non-government schools from 2011. The grants, valued at \$500 per student for the first two years of operation, recognise the increased start-up costs faced by new schools.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Restructure the schools National Partnership Agreements

Details The Government has committed to re-structure the schools National Partnership Agreements to provide schools with greater autonomy on how reforms are implemented in their schools. The restructure will ensure that Commonwealth funding is paid directly to schools. Funding will be reallocated from the National Partnership Agreement for Low Socio-economic Status School Communities, with anticipated savings of \$330 million over four years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$330.00 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Retain current funding model for non-government schools

Details The Government has committed to retaining the socioeconomic status (SES) funding model to fund non-government schools and that no non-government school will be worse off in real terms.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'Non-government schools face \$1.3 billion shortfall under Labor', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Review the MySchool website and national testing

Details The Government has committed to review the MySchool website and remove the raw score data currently published. The website would instead publish measures showing how student performance had improved. The Government has also committed to expand the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests to be undertaken annually for all year levels from 3 to 10 so that student progress could be measured more accurately.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'Push for more school tests meets chilly response', The Age , Newspaper Report (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Review the national curriculum and support teacher professional development

Details The Government has committed to review the national curriculum and widen the consultative process to encourage and foster diversity. Feedback will be sought on the appropriateness of current levels of support for professional development to determine what level of assistance is required to support the implementation of the national curriculum. The Government will make \$20 million available for teachers to access professional development to support implementation of the national curriculum.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott
Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Quality Education', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Education

Quality Education: Strengthen the national safe school framework to combat school bullying

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$10.5 million over four years to develop a plan to combat bullying and improve discipline in schools, including through:

- granting new powers to principals to deal with bullying issues in their schools
- launching a new national anti-bullying education campaign
- establishing a new National Cyber Bullying Taskforce
- developing national reporting requirements for bullying in schools, including cyber bullying, and
- expanding existing research into cyber bullying.

Future education funding agreements will include measures to empower school principals to deal with on and off campus bullying.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'Coalition will empower principals to combat bullying', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (29/03/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Quality Education: Support students with a disability and their families

Details The Government has committed to providing \$314 million over 4 years to provide portable funding to students with a disability through an education card worth up to \$20,000 per year, indexed to inflation. It is estimated that the education card will initially provide assistance to 6,000 students with a disability, commencing from 1 January 2012. The Government has also indicated it will work with the relevant Ministerial Council to secure national agreement on definitions of disabilities by 1 July 2011.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real action to help students with a disability', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$314 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Education

Restore full fee places for domestic undergraduates

Details The Government has committed that a percentage of university places would be open to full fee paying domestic students.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'Coalition pledges to restore full-fee places,' The Age, p.6, Newspaper Report (22/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Implement work-for-the-dole and mutual obligation for income support recipients

Details

The Government has committed to restore work-for-the-dole and mutual obligation, including the reversal of the previous Government's softening of mutual obligation requirements.

At this point, the policy provides limited detail on how the measure will be implemented and what components of the current income support system and work-for-dole program will change.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz

Source 'Our Action Contract', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (26/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Introduce job commitment bonus payments

Details

The Government has committed to the introduction of job commitment bonus payments. The incentives would apply to people aged 18 - 30 years who have been receiving unemployment benefits for one year or more.

If an individual finds work and remains in work and off welfare for 12 months, they will receive a \$2,500 bonus. A bonus of \$4,000 would be payable if the individual remains in work for two years.

The bonus payments will be managed by Centrelink and will be paid directly to the employee at the end of the 12 and 24 month qualifying period upon confirmation that their employment has been ongoing.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Employment Participation', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Introduce relocation payments for Newstart recipients

Details

The Government has committed to connect Newstart recipients with a job. Relocation assistance of \$6,000 will be offered to Newstart recipients who move to a regional area to take up an ongoing full-time job. \$3000 will be offered for those moving from an area of high unemployment to a major city to find work. People relocating between capital cities or within capital cities will not be eligible for the payment.

Job seekers with dependent children may be eligible for an additional \$3000 to assist with relocation expenses.

The assistance will be available for job seekers who have been unemployed for more than 12 months. Penalties will apply if people leave the job within the first six months.

In addition, employers will receive a subsidy of \$2,500 for employing an eligible job seeker.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Employment Participation', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Job Services Australia - Review of contracts

Details The Government has committed to extending the current contract for three years past the scheduled 30 June 2012 termination date for the top performing 75 per cent of Job Services Australia agencies. The remaining 25 per cent of lower performing agencies would be required to reapply for the tender after their current contracts terminate.

Spokesperson Mathias Cormann

Source 'Tony Abbott to toughen dole policy, forcing Centrelink to impose recommended penalties', The Australian,, Newspaper Report (02/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Employment

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for the Australian Public Service (APS) Indigenous Employment Strategy

Details The Government has committed to discontinuing funding for the Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy to realise a saving of \$4.0 million over two years.

The 2009-10 Federal Budget included funding of \$6.0 million over three years to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for the APS Indigenous Employment Strategy which funds a range of activities to support Indigenous employment and retention in the APS.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$4 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: Remove Job Capacity Accounts

Details

The Government has committed to remove the overlap and duplication in funding available to purchase short term allied health services for job seekers. This commitment is intended to deliver savings of \$79.5 million over four years from 1 January 2011.

Employment service providers will continue to have access to the Employment Pathway Fund to purchase services for job seekers to help them overcome, manage or work around their pre-vocational barriers to employment.

Spokesperson	Joe Hockey
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$79.5 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Employment

Pay off the Debt: Savings associated with the Coalition's participation programs

Details The Government has committed to deliver net savings of \$600 million to the budget as a result of employment participation initiatives that will reduce the payment of benefits to individuals who move into jobs.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$600 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Voluntary Youth Corps

Details The Government has committed \$10 million over four years to provide 600 places, each of two months duration, in a voluntary youth corps with the Army Reserve. The places will be available for job seekers, aged 18 to 25 years who have been unemployed for 12 months. The program will be based on New Zealand's Limited Service Volunteers Scheme. The commitment is not intended to detract from the Army Reserve's operation or reduce its funding.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Abbott army plan for jobless', The Adelaide Advertiser, p.5, Newspaper Report (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

\$15 million and a million trees to protect western Sydney environment

Details

The Government has committed to providing \$15 million in funding and resources to protect and link conservation areas in Western Sydney.

The Government will establish a Greater Western Sydney Conservation Corridor Fund to allow the purchase of isolated remnants of bushland to be linked with a series of natural resources.

The Fund will also support a comprehensive audit of Greater Western Sydney's bushland to identify conservation values.

Four Green Army deployments will also be dedicated to this area to plant trees and revegetate degraded sites.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Coalition announces \$15 million and a million trees for Western Sydney Environment', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Appoint an Environment Probity Commissioner

Details

The Government has committed to appointing an independent commissioner to oversee all major environmental programs. The commissioner would have two tasks:

- to independently review the design of major expenditure in the environment and climate portfolio; and
- to review major environmental expenditure on an ongoing basis.

The commissioner would be funded from within the existing Environment Department's budget.

Spokesperson	Greg Hunt				
Source	ABC 7:30 Report, Media Statement (29/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not specified, though funding is to come from within existing Departmental resources.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Improve water quality in the Great Lakes

Details

The Government has committed to providing funding of \$1.25 million to improve water quality in the Great Lakes, through:

- stormwater management
- rural land management to address best practice groundcover, fertiliser, riparian and wetland management
- an incentives scheme to implement on-ground activities that address water quality improvements, and
- collection of data and communication through an ecological report card.

The project will be delivered in partnership with community groups and volunteers.

Spokesperson Bob Baldwin

Source '\$1.25 million to boost water quality in the Great Lakes' Bob Baldwin website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1.25 million (spend) - to be funded from Caring for our Country

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Marine Protected Areas

Details

The Government has committed to the following actions.

1. Immediately put on hold the marine bioregional planning process to allow for its restructure.

This commitment includes establishing a Bioregional Advisory Panel for each of the four marine bioregions to advise on potential marine protected areas and the design of management plans and to consult with the community and fishing industry on the restructure of the marine bioregional planning process.

2. Provide a fair and balanced displaced effort policy.

A Ministerial Panel, jointly chaired by the Ministers responsible for fisheries and the environment, will be established to oversight the design, development and consultation of the displacement policy.

The displacement policy will be developed through the four Bioregional Advisory Panels, in consultation and negotiation with affected commercial and recreational industry representatives (including charter operators and onshore related businesses).

The displacement policy will be informed by socio-economic modelling of the reach of the fishing sector into the community. Consultation on the policy will examine options to reduce the negative economic impacts that would flow from implementation of the draft plan.

As a last resort, if consultation and negotiation does not reduce impacts below levels that are reasonably compensable, then compensation, structural adjustment or other appropriate measures will be delivered before any constraints on fishing are implemented.

3. Base marine protected areas on science.

The Government has committed to requiring peer-reviewed scientific evidence of threats to marine biodiversity to be made available to all stakeholders, including affected communities and industries, before any decision is made on future marine protected areas.

The Government has also committed to working cooperatively with all impacted communities and industries through the Bioregional Advisory Panels to develop socio-economic impact statements for each proposed marine protected area.

4. Establish sensible and balanced marine park boundaries and develop management plan in consultation with industry.

The Government has committed to consulting closely with people and industries that use the marine environment, including the recreational and commercial fishing sectors, to determine marine protected area management plans in accordance with relevant legislation and other regulatory frameworks.

Significant weight will be given to existing and effective fisheries management plans when considering assessed areas. Marine protected

areas management plans will have the central aim of maximising biodiversity protection while also minimising the social and economic impact of the local fishing sector and onshore businesses.

Management plans will be implemented over a reasonable period of time to assist with transitional arrangements.

5. The Ministers responsible for fisheries and the environment will be jointly responsible for approving final boundaries and management plans for marine bioregions.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Real action to protect our marine environments and fishing communities', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (27/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Nil (policy document states that funding for the marine planning process is already provided for in the forward estimates)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Community Clean-Up Grants and Clean Up Australia

Details The Government has committed to providing funding of \$9 million to clean up 900 communities, as well as funding of \$1 million (\$500,000 each) for the Clean Up Australia and Keep Australia Beautiful campaigns.
The Government will take the lead, through the Council of Australian Governments, to discourage littering and dumping.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Dandenong Ranges Wildlife Recovery

Details The Government has committed to providing \$3 million for a wildlife recovery, weed management and fuel reduction program to be developed under the guidance of a local steering group, with any fuel reduction activities to be carried out by state authorities.
The Government has also committed to seeking National Heritage Listing of the existing public parklands within the Dandenong Ranges as a priority, with the application to be developed in conjunction with the local community.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Liberal La Trobe MP pledges to tackle weeds', Free Press Newspaper, Newspaper Report (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Great Barrier Reef and Crown of Thorns Protection Plan

Details The Government has committed to provide \$3 million for a grants program to reduce nutrient run-off into the Great Barrier Reef. Commencing from 1 July 2011, grants of up to \$50,000 will be available to individual farms and community groups to carry out nutrient runoff reduction programs. Additionally, funding of \$2 million will be provided to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to implement a Crown of Thorns Eradication Plan. The plan will be developed in consultation with the Australian Marine Park Tourism Operators Association, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and community groups.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Coalition's Great Barrier Reef Protection Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: International Conservation of Endangered Species

Details The Government has committed to providing \$400,000 to the Thin Green Line Foundation, to support their work in protecting endangered species around the world and addressing violence against park rangers in developing countries.
The Government has also committed to working with the Indonesian Government to help protect orangutans in South East Asia, including by adopting standards to crack down on the practice of importing illegally sourced rainforest timber.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Coalition's \$1.3 million Environment Package for the Peninsula', Greg Hunt website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$400,000 (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Kimberley Cane Toad Clean-Up Program

Details The Government has committed to providing \$1 million towards a Kimberley Cane Toad Clean-Up Program, which will work with Indigenous groups and Kimberly Toad Busters on local measures to reverse the spread of cane toads throughout the Kimberley. Funding is in addition to \$1 million committed to the Top End Cane Toad Clean-Up Program.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source '\$1 million for Kimberley Toad Busters', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Swan river recovery programme

Details The Government has committed to providing \$1 million towards a Swan River Recovery Programme, including:
- assisting weed eradication (\$500,000);
- practical community action (\$400,000); and
- increasing river awareness through local education (\$100,000).
The details of the program will be developed in consultation with a local steering group.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million (spend). Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: The Green Army

Details

The Government has committed to establishing a Green Army which would provide a standing environmental workforce of 15,000 to work on 6,000 land-care projects over four years. Green Army participants would be paid a training wage of \$300 per week, with coordinators being paid an annual salary equivalent of up to \$50,000.

The Government has committed to finalising recruiting arrangements within three months, with a start date of July 2011.

The Government has committed to the selection of 90 per cent of funded projects being determined through an 'open tender' process, with funding for the following projects already committed:

- Restoration of Kings Bridge to Duck Reach, Tasmania (\$125,000)
- Restoration of Kings Bridge to Tailrace, Tasmania (\$125,000)
- Restoration of Relbia to Sea Port, Tasmania (\$125,000)
- Restoration of Bellingham to Low Head Coastal Project, Tasmania (\$125,000)
- Mooloolah River Waterwatch Catchment Education Centre, Queensland (\$125,000)
- Barung Landcare land holders support programme, Queensland (\$125,000)
- Maleny Community Precinct, Queensland (\$125,000)
- Baroon Catchment Care, Queensland (\$125,000)
- Emu Lakes, Western Australia
- Penneshaw and Island Beach, South Australia (\$125,000)
- Oaklands Park, South Australia (\$125,000)
- Mary River, Queensland (\$125,000)
- Yarrowee River, Victoria (\$125,000)
- Cardinia Bandicoot Habitat and Environmental Regeneration Project, Victoria
- Southern Peninsula Foreshore and Creek Rejuvenation Project, Victoria
- Baxter, Somerville and Mt Martha Creek and Wetland Restoration Project, Victoria
- Phillip Island and Bass Hills Habitat Conservation Project, Victoria
- Riverbank stabilisation and weed eradication at 'Wildwood', Tasmania
- Riparian rehabilitation on the South Esk, Meander, Macquarie and Georges Rivers, Tasmania
- Works at the Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, Tasmania
- Duen stabilisation and nourishment works on Clarence's coast shores, Tasmania
- Eradication of rice grass from the Rubicon Estuary, Tasmania

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address to the Sydney Institute', Liberal Party website, Speech (14/01/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$400 million (spend) over four years, with ongoing funding required (estimated cost is up to \$50,000 per year per place). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m 2010-11 \$m 2011-12 \$m 2012-13 \$m 2013-14 \$m Total \$m (4 yrs)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Real Action on the Environment, Climate Change and Heritage: Top End Cane Toad Clean-Up Program

Details The Government has committed \$1 million to a Top End Cane Toad Clean-Up Program including:

- \$750,000 to support research into and deployment of biological control mechanisms; and
- \$250,000 for practical and local efforts carried out by toad eradication groups.

Research funding is to be allocated on the advice of the Chief Scientist. Local groups would receive grants that would help them protect areas of high conservation value from cane toads. Funding for the Top End Cane Toad Clean-Up Program is in addition to the \$1 million for the Kimberley Cane Toad Clean-Up Program.

Spokesperson Natasha Griggs

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Direct Action Against Cane Toads', Country Liberals website, Media Statement (09/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Tasmania Package: Bell's Parade Precinct Project

Details The Government has committed to providing funding of \$1.2 million towards protecting the wetland areas and improving the infrastructure of the historic Bell's Parade precinct, to ensure its facilities recall the boom period of the 1880s.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz

Source 'Liberals Launch Tasmania Package', Eric Abetz website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1.2 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Tasmania Package: Foreshore rehabilitation project in partnership with the Clarence City Council

Details The Government has committed to providing funding of \$125,000 for research into dune stabilisation and assignment of Green Army resources to undertake dune stabilisation and nourishment works to protect community infrastructure (including from storm surges) and maintain the natural beauty of the coastline.

The project will be undertaken in partnership with the Clarence City Council.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz

Source 'Liberals Launch Tasmania Package', Eric Abetz website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.125 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Tasmania Package: Lake Margaret to Cradle Mountain walking track

Details The Government has committed to providing \$60,000 towards the establishment of a Lake Margaret to Cradle Mountain Walking Track. The Government will work with the Tasmanian Government and the West Coast Council to undertake this project.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz

Source 'Liberals Launch Tasmania Package', Eric Abetz website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.060 (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Three point plan to work with Traditional Owners to stop illegal turtle and dugong poaching

Details

The Government has committed to a program to stop illegal and brutal dugong and turtle poaching:

- work with Traditional Owners and help them to put an end to poaching and the commercial sale of illegally-caught dugong and turtle meat;
- create local jobs for local Indigenous people and preserve and protect dugongs and turtles by establishing and equipping Indigenous Rangers to enforce the laws; and
- ensure the prosecution of the illegal and inhumane slaughter of turtles and dugongs and support Traditional Owners to protect and manage their own country.

Funding of \$1 million will be provided to helping clean up marine debris along the Far North Queensland Coast, the Torres Strait Islands and in the Coral Sea.

Additionally, funding of \$1.6 million has been committed for specialised Indigenous Ranger Programs to achieve the conservation and enforcement objectives above.

The first target is to reduce the take of dugongs and turtles by at least 90 per cent, to start the process towards ending the hunting of these species altogether.

Spokesperson	Greg Hunt				
Source	'Coalition three point plan to work with Traditional Owners to stop illegal turtle and dugong poaching', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (15/04/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$2.6 million (spend) over two years. Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan: Dolphin Research and Protection Plan

Details The Government has committed to providing \$500,000 to the Dolphin Research Institute in Victoria for research and practical work to assist the care and protection of the Victorian and broader Australian dolphin populations. The funding is to commence on 1 July 2011 and be spread over 3 years. This commitment forms part of the three point Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.5 million (spend) over three years. Note Coalition independent costing shows a profile for complete Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan: International Legal Action

Details As part of the three point Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan, the Government has committed to continuing international legal action against Japanese whaling, in particular to seek an order to prevent the harvesting of whales for scientific purposes and commercial purposes.

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'The Coalition's Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Environmental Protection

Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan: National Whale Stranding Action Plan

Details

The Government has committed \$500,000 to a National Whale Stranding Action Plan as part of its three point whale and dolphin protection plan. The National Whale Stranding Action Plan will identify the most effective means of preventing and responding to whale strandings, including working with state and local authorities to prepare for stranding emergencies.

As part of this commitment, the Government has agreed to seek tenders to help design, develop and oversee the Plan within 30 days of the election.

Spokesperson	Greg Hunt				
Source	'The Coalition's Whale and Dolphin Protection Plan', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$0.5 million (spend). Coalition independent costing provides profile for complete Whale and Dolphin Plan.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Direct Action on Paid Parental Leave: 1.5 per cent levy on business

Details The Government has committed to introducing a 1.5 per cent levy on companies with a taxable income in excess of \$5 million to fund the Paid Parental Leave scheme. The levy will only be applied to taxable income above \$5 million. This levy will be introduced from 1 July 2012. The Government has stated that the levy is temporary and will be reduced and eventually withdrawn when the Budget permits.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action Plan for Paid Parental Leave', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (09/03/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$6.1 billion (increase in revenue)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Direct Action on Paid Parental Leave: 26 weeks paid parental leave at full replacement pay

Details

The Government has committed to provide primary carers with 26 weeks paid parental leave, at full replacement pay (up to \$150,000 per annum) or the Federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. The scheme is to commence on 1 July 2012, with the previous government's scheme operating in the interim period from 1 January 2011.

Parental leave payments are to be made by Centrelink. The Government has made a separate commitment to immediately discontinue the previous government's PPL paymaster role for employers, which will require urgent repeal of the relevant provisions in the existing PPL legislation (Paid Parental Leave Act 2010).

PPL will be available to all eligible employees in the public and private sector, including contractors and the self-employed.

Superannuation contributions at the mandatory rate of nine per cent will be paid on parental leave payments.

The scheme will be funded by a 1.5 per cent levy on companies with taxable income of more than \$5 million. For more information, please see Direct Action on Paid Parental Leave: 1.5 per cent levy on business.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Direct Action on Paid Parental Leave', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (09/03/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -5,758.000 (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Direct Action on Paid Parental Leave: Discontinue the PPL paymaster role for employers and PR campaign

Details The Government has committed, as part of the Government's overall Paid Parental Leave Scheme, to savings of \$20 million through discontinuing the requirement for employers to act as paymasters for Parental Leave payments for the previous government's PPL scheme due to come into effect on 1 January 2011. It has identified savings from funding allocated in the 2010-11 Budget to employer compliance and aspects of the PR campaign.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Budget Reply follow-up', Liberal Party website, Speech (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$20 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	6.2	6.1	4.4	3.3	20.0

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Marriage Vouchers

Details The Government has committed to providing couples with a \$200 marriage education voucher, which can be used to access approved marriage education or parenting services, either before or after marriage.

Spokesperson Kevin Andrews

Source 'Strong and healthy relationships', Kevin Andrews website, Speech (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$45 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Strengthen welfare compliance

Details

The Government has committed to change the use of default income in child support assessments. A new, more accurate default income arrangement will be introduced that uses a parent's previous taxable income instead of a lower default income in cases where they have not lodged a tax return. It is anticipated this measure will save \$58.8 million over four years through reductions in Family Tax Benefit outlays to the child support recipients.

The policy is only intended to affect participants in the Child Support Scheme who are late or fail to lodge a tax return and their last known income is higher than the default income of two thirds of the male total average weekly earnings (MTAWE) which amounts to \$39,236 in 2010.

Participants whose last known income was lower than the default income will continue to be assessed under the current policy of having their income uplifted to match the two thirds of the MTAWE amount.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$58 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Review and possibly extend welfare quarantining measures

Details The Government has committed to review the operation of welfare quarantining in the Northern Territory after July 2011 (when the current arrangements have been in operation for 12 months). Depending on outcomes of the review, the Government may extend automatic quarantining into other regions on a trial basis or more generally across Australia. The Government has also indicated that it will pursue wider conditional quarantining with the states, but details are not yet clear.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address to the Sydney Institute', Liberal Party website, Speech (27/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for United Nations Security Council candidacy

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) bid.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'National Security Fundamentals', Lowy Institute website, Speech (23/04/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$4.4 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	4.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.4

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue overseas development assistance - Climate change - Bilateral partnerships

Details The Government has committed to reverse the additional funding provided to AusAID in the 2010-11 Budget measure 'Overseas development assistance — climate change — bilateral partnerships'. The policy will reduce funding by \$15 million over two years (\$5 million in 2011-12 and \$10 million in 2012-13).

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$15 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	5.0	10.0	0.0	15.0

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue overseas development assistance - Climate change - International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative

Details The Government has committed to reverse the additional funding provided to AusAID in the 2010-11 Budget measure 'Overseas development assistance - climate change - International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative'. This policy will reduce funding by \$178.2 million over two years (\$78.6 million in 2011-12 and \$99.6 million in 2012-13).

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/05/2010)

Legislation ..

Announced Costs \$178.2 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	78.6	99.6	0.0	178.2

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue overseas development assistance - Climate change - Multilateral climate change financing

Details The Government has committed to reverse the additional funding provided to AusAID in the 2010-11 Budget measure 'Overseas development assistance — climate change — multilateral climate change financing'. The policy will reduce funding by \$101.2 million over two years (\$40.6 million in 2011-12 and \$60.6 million in 2012-13).

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$101.2 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	40.6	60.6	0.0	101.2

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Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Create a Minister for International Development

Details

The Government has committed to appoint a Minister with responsibility for international development to manage the future size and significance of the foreign aid budget. The foreign aid budget will increase to 0.5 per cent of GNI in 2015-16, representing an effective doubling of the aid budget from 2009-10 levels based on current growth projections.

The new Minister for International Development will immediately institute an independent inquiry into Australia's foreign aid program to investigate allegations of waste and mismanagement and will be asked to provide clear recommendations on how to increase effectiveness and transparency in our aid delivery. Papua New Guinea, as the largest destination for Australian aid, will be a particular priority. Afghanistan, where Australia has an ongoing military and development role, will also be a key focus.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Engage with women leaders in our region

Details The Government has committed to establish a second tier dialogue of prominent women from across the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions to discuss common interests including security, aid, trade, energy, education, health, human rights, disaster response and nuclear non-proliferation. The Government will establish networks of mentors to work with younger women to promote the involvement of women in political leadership roles.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Independent inquiry into Australia's foreign aid program

Details

The Government has committed to immediately institute an independent inquiry into Australia's foreign aid program to investigate allegations of waste and mismanagement and to provide clear recommendations on how to increase effectiveness and transparency in aid delivery. Papua New Guinea and Afghanistan will be a key focus of the inquiry.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Ministerial level human rights dialogue

Details The Government has committed to work with countries in our region to establish more Ministerial level bilateral human rights dialogue forums where issues of human rights can be discussed in an open and frank forum.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation Not required

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Reinstate funding for consular services

Details The Government has committed to reinstate funding for consular services. The required funds will be drawn from within the existing Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio budget allocation.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Review of Australia's diplomatic resources and overseas representation

Details The Government has committed to conduct a comprehensive review of Australia's diplomatic resources, including overseas representation, to determine whether the appropriate weighting is afforded to those issues, countries and organisations which are important to our strategic and economic interests.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$45.5 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action on Foreign Affairs: Support increased rigorously-administered foreign aid

Details The Government has committed to increase foreign aid spending to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income by 2015-16. It will also consolidate Australia's foreign aid efforts in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions and will focus on the quality and rigorous administration of that effort.

Spokesperson Julie Bishop

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Foreign Affairs', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Continue funding the position of Trade Representative for Australia's Agricultural Industries

Details The Government has committed to continue funding the position of Trade Representative for Australia's Agricultural Industries.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Establish new roles of Trade Representative for Australia's Manufacturing Industries and Trade Representative for Australia's Services Industries

Details The Government has committed to establish the new roles of Trade Representative for Australia's Manufacturing Industries and Trade Representative for Australia's Services Industries.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Establish the permanent position of Ambassador for Trade Reform

Details The Government has committed to establish the permanent position of Ambassador for Trade Reform to promote further trade reform internationally. The Ambassador for Trade Reform will serve as the focal point for coordinating, promoting and intensifying the Australian Government's international efforts to encourage trade reform. The Ambassador will have a key role in facilitating cooperation between Australian agencies and their counterparts in other countries on global trade reform issues.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Export Market Development Scheme

Details The Government has committed to increase the Export Market Development Grant Scheme cap to \$200 million effective from 1 July 2011. The additional \$150 million over the forward estimates will be provided from the tightening of the Wine Equalisation Tax rebate scheme to address existing market distortions.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$150 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Increase resources to conclude FTA negotiations with China, Japan, Malaysia, the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Republic of Korea and Indonesia

Details The Government has committed to devote increased resources to the effective conclusion of high quality and comprehensive Free Trade Agreements with China, Japan, Malaysia, the Gulf Co-operation Council, the Republic of Korea and Indonesia. The Government will also explore the feasibility of an agreement on services with the European Union.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Re-establish the Trade Advisory Council

Details The Government has committed to re-establish the Trade Advisory Council. The Trade Advisory Council was originally established in June 2007 as the Trade Minister's pre-eminent source of advice from the business sector on trade and investment issues.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Australian Exporters', Nationals website, Policy Document (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Foreign Affairs and Trade

Real Action to Support Australian Exporters: Tighten the Wine Equalisation Tax rebate

Details The Government has committed to tightening the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate scheme consistent with the 2010-11 Pre-Budget Submission from the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA). According to the WFA, the existing WET rebate scheme is creating market distortions that have led to additional costs to taxpayers.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Real action to support Australian exporters', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$150m saving Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Funding for the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine

Details The Government has committed to provide James Cook University with \$7.55 million over three years from 2011-12 for an Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$7.55 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

MRI licence for Warrnambool

Details The Government has committed \$5 million from 2010-11 to immediately grant a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) licence to the Warrnambool region. This funding is intended to enable the MRI service to be completely subsidised for public patients.

The Western Plains Advertiser later reported that the Government's 'commitment of \$5 million (would be) for the machine that would be located in Warrnambool'.

Spokesperson Daniel Tehan

Source '\$5 million MRI pledge: Coalition would 'bankroll' licence', Warrnambool Standard, p.15 and 'Promise for MRI licence', Western Plains Advertiser, p.1, Newspaper Report (31/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5.0 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

PET scanner for Townsville

Details The Government has committed to providing \$2.5 million to establish a Positron Emmission Tomography (PET) scanner at the Mater Park Haven Hospital in Townsville, with the scanner to be operational by July 2011. Queensland X-ray will fund the remaining costs of the PET scanner.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition commits \$2.5 million for PET scanner for Townsville', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Pay off the Debt: PBS Ensuring a Sustainable Healthcare System

Details The Government has committed to adjust the estimates for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) 2007 reforms resulting in additional savings of \$1.15 billion over four years from 2010-11. The Government has stated that these savings will be achieved without increased co-payments or the removal of medicines from the PBS.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Action Plan for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1,150.68 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Protect the Private Health Insurance Rebate

Details The Government has committed to retain existing levels and eligibility criteria for the Private Health Insurance Rebates and the Medicare Levy Surcharge, by reversing the previous Government's decision to introduce three private health insurance incentive tiers.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.05 billion (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Abolish E-Health individual electronic health records

Details The Government has committed to reversing the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide funding of \$466.7 million to establish the key components of a personally controlled health record system for Australia. This is one of seven savings measures to fund the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health.

The Government is concerned to see that existing implementation through the National E-health Transition Authority is successfully completed before additional funding commitments are made in order to drive value for money and best practice patient outcomes.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Budget Reply', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$466.7 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Independent Hospitals Pricing Authority

Details The Government has committed to abolish the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide funding of \$91.8 million to establish the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement.

This is one of seven savings measures under the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health. The Government has identified, however, that it will continue with activity based funding for public hospitals.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$91.8 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Medicare Locals

Details The Government has committed to abolish the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide funding of of \$416.8 million over four years to establish Medicare Locals as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network.

This is one of seven savings measures under this package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$416.8 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - National Performance Authority

Details The Government has committed to abolishing the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide funding of \$118.6 million to establish the National Performance Authority as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement. The Government has identified, however, that it remains committed to establishing and publishing consistent national health and hospital indicators.

This is one of seven savings measures under the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health and is also listed as a savings measure in the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing policy document.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (30/06/2010)

Legislation [http://www.health.gov.au/realactionplan](#)

Announced Costs \$109.5 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Additional Headspace services

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$225 million in funding over four years from 2010-11 towards an additional 60 headspace sites. In addition to providing more headspace sites, this extra funding will also ensure that all new and existing sites receive sufficient funding.

Headspace sites provide one-stop-shops for young people aged 12 to 25 years with information and services relating to general health and wellbeing, mental health and alcohol and drug services. The headspace sites will be supported by Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres.

This is one of three measures in a \$1.5 billion mental health package designed to expand frontline mental health services to reduce the burden of mental health disorders within Australia.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$225 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Discontinue the establishment of 23 new GP Super Clinics

Details The Government has committed to discontinuing the 2010-11 Budget measure - National Health and Hospitals Network - General Practice and primary care - improved primary care infrastructure - to provide funding of \$355.2 million for an additional 23 GP Super Clinics. This is one of seven savings measures to fund the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source '2010-11 Budget reply', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$355.2 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Early Psychosis Intervention Centres

Details The Government has committed to provide \$440 million in funding over four years from 2010-11 towards 20 new Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres (based on the existing EPPIC model) to be located in major metropolitan and regional areas. \$400 million will be provided towards operational expenses and \$40 million towards additional capital costs of the Centres.

The operational expenses will cover system design, service evaluation, workforce development, medical and allied health costs, case management, home and mobile care and vocational recovery assistance provided by EPPIC services.

These Centres will provide comprehensive and targeted care for young Australians aged 15 to 24 years at clinical high risk and with first episode psychosis.

This is one of three measures in a \$1.5 billion mental health package designed to expand frontline mental health services to reduce the burden of mental health disorders within Australia.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$440 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Mental health beds

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$832 million in funding over four years from 2010-11 towards 800 beds for acute and sub-acute care specifically to support an additional 20 Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres to be located in metropolitan and regional areas.

The funding provided is for the capital and recurrent expenditure and on average is intended to cover all costs associated with operating the additional beds. This funding supplements the additional resources for public hospitals committed in the 2008 National Healthcare Agreement.

Up to 20 acute and 20 sub-acute beds will be provided on average for each of the 20 new Centres.

This is one of three measures in a \$1.5 billion mental health package designed to expand frontline mental health services to reduce the burden of mental health disorders within Australia. It is also one of nine expenditure measures in the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/06/2010)

Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$832 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Redirect EPPIC 2010-11 Budget funding

Details The Government will redirect the 2010-11 Budget measure 'Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres' to partially offset the Government's commitment to mental health.

This is one of seven savings measures to fund the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$25.5 million (save). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health: Redirect Headspace 2010-11 Budget funding

Details The Government has committed to redirecting the \$78.8 million in funding currently allocated to headspace services (youth-friendly mental health one-stop-shops) by the previous Government in the 2010-11 Budget to partially offset the Government's commitment to mental health, which includes funding for more headspace sites and existing headspace sites.

This is one of seven savings measures to fund the Real Action for Better Mental Health.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$78.8 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: 2,000 new public Beds: Infrastructure

Details The Government has committed to providing \$2.33 billion to fund 2,000 public hospital beds. The details and locations of these 2,000 beds have not been announced.

 This forms part of a commitment to provide \$3.1 billion over four years to fund 2,800 new public hospital beds. This includes \$832 million to fund 800 new mental health beds announced under the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health.

 Funding for the additional beds will be contingent upon States and Territories providing evidence that the beds have opened.

 This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

 This is the investment component, the recurring component is at Commitment Number 311

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.33 billion (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: 2,000 new public beds

Details

The Government has committed to providing \$2.33 billion to fund 2,000 public hospital beds. The details and locations of these 2,000 beds have not been announced.

This forms part of a commitment to provide \$3.1 billion over four years to fund 2,800 new public hospital beds. This includes \$832 million to fund 800 new mental health beds announced under the Real Action Plan for Better Mental Health.

Funding for the additional beds will be contingent upon States and Territories providing evidence that the beds have opened.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package. This is the recurring component, the related investment component of this item is at Commitment Number 815

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.33 billion (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: A transparent and sustainable funding model

Details

The Government has committed to establishing a transparent, certain and sustainable funding model for public hospitals and will fund a set proportion of the efficient cost of public hospital services to align with the scheduled review of the National Healthcare Agreement in 2014. There will be no dedication of GST funds under this arrangement.

The efficient cost will be determined in consultation with the States through the Grants Commission and will apply to each procedure or treatment performed in public hospitals. The funding model will also cover funding for research and training in public hospitals and the user cost of capital. It is anticipated that the Commonwealth's share of funding will be around 40 per cent.

Rural and small hospitals will receive appropriate funding grants to ensure their ongoing viability and teaching hospitals will receive appropriate loadings for their additional responsibilities, staff and infrastructure requirements.

In addition, the Government has stated that funding of \$15.6 billion for the top up funding guarantee under the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement will be allocated to frontline health and hospitals services.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Building nursing careers

Details The Government will reverse the 2010-11 Budget measure 'National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - building nursing careers', providing savings of \$20.2 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$20.2 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment:

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Expanding clinical placements for allied health scholarships

Details

The Government will abolish the 2010-11 Budget measure 'expand clinical placements for allied health students', providing savings of \$5.6 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$5.6 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Expanding the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Details The Government has committed to abolishing the 2010-11 Budget measure to expand the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement, providing savings of \$34.5 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action for Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$34.5 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Facilitation and reward funding for improving access to elective surgery

Details The Government has committed to reversing the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide \$652.3 million in facilitation and reward funding to improve access to elective surgery in public hospitals as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement.

Given that implementation and funding has already commenced under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, discontinuing this measure would provide savings of \$501.9 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$501.9 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Flexible funding for emergency departments, elective surgery and sub-acute care

Details The Government has committed to reversing the 2010-11 Budget measure providing \$200.4 million of flexible funding for emergency departments, elective surgery and sub-acute care as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement.

Given that implementation and funding has already commenced under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, discontinuing this measure will provide savings of \$62.9 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action for Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$62.9 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Four hour national access target facilitation and reward funding

Details

The Government has committed to abolishing the 2010-11 Budget measure providing \$501.9 million in facilitation and reward funding for the introduction of a four hour national access target in public hospital emergency departments as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement.

Given that implementation and funding has already commenced under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, discontinuing this measure will provide savings of \$426.6 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action for Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$426.6 million (save) Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Health reform PR campaign

Details The Government has committed to reversing the 2010-11 Budget measure to deliver a national communications campaign about changes to health services under National Health and Hospitals Network, providing savings of \$29.5 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action for Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$16.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	16.4	1.1	0.2	0.0	17.7

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Sub-acute hospital beds

Details The Government has committed to abolishing the 2010-11 Budget measure to provide \$1.6 billion for over 1,300 new sub-acute hospital beds as part of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1.6 billion (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Exploring regulation of the personal care workforce

Details

The Government will reverse the 2010-11 Budget measure 'Health and Hospitals Network - workforce - exploring regulation of the personal care workforce', providing savings of \$2.9 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2.9 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Training and education incentive payment

Details

The Government will reverse the 2010-11 Budget measure 'National Health and Hospitals Network - workforce - training and education incentive payment' providing a savings of \$54.3 million over four years.

This is one of thirteen savings measures under the Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$54.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Community-controlled public hospital system

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$90.7 million over four years to establish community boards to manage local hospitals.

Membership would include prominent community representatives with financial and management expertise and senior representatives from local medical, nursing and allied health staff. A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) appointed by, and responsible to, the community board would set hospital budgets. Recruitment and funding of the CEOs would be a matter for the States.

Details of which hospitals would fall under which community board is to be worked out with the States and local communities, noting that each major referral hospital and its associated hospitals should have its own board, while in other instances a small cluster of hospitals could come under one board. It was announced in a separate statement on 6 August 2010 that Tasmania would have three local hospital boards.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$90.7 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Diabetes clinical trial network

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$35 million over five years, including \$21 million over the forward estimates, to fund the establishment of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Trials Network.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson

Tony Abbott

Source

'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (03/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$35 million over five years from 2011-12 (spend). Of this, \$14 million is outside the forward estimates. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Establish a major 'Nursing Professional Development Fund'

Details The Government has committed to provide \$150 million over four years to establish a 'Nursing Professional Development' Fund. This fund will support registered and enrolled nurses to participate in short courses and attend professional conferences, aimed at improving frontline clinical skills.

The Government will work with nursing groups and other stakeholders to establish criteria for approval of courses or conferences.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$150 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Informed financial consent

Details The Government has committed to providing \$2 million over three years, from 2011-12, towards an information and compliance campaign to improve rates of informed financial consent. This will be co-funded with the private health industry.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott
Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing: Invest in health and medical research funding

Details The Government has committed to provide \$200 million over four years for leading-edge health and medical research.

The Government will work with the health and medical research communities and the National Health and Medical Research Council to develop a new funding structure with appropriately indexed funding and to determine how priorities which target increasingly prevalent health conditions, such as diabetes, mental ill-health and dementia should be met.

This is one of nine expenditure measures under the \$3.6 billion Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Hospitals and Nursing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$200 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - General practice and primary care - Coordinated diabetes care

Details The Government has committed to reverse the National Health and Hospitals Network - General practice and primary care - coordinated diabetes care measure funded in the 2010-11 Budget, providing savings of \$446.3 million over four years to offset the cost of the Boost to GP Services package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$446.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Boost GP Services: Abolish the National Health and Hospitals Network - Workforce - Support for practice nurses

Details The Government has committed to reverse the 2010-11 Budget measure 'National Health and Hospitals Network - workforce - support for practice nurses', providing savings of \$388.5 million over four years to offset the cost of the Boost to GP Services package.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$388.5 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: Better provision of chronic and complex care

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$350 million over four years from 2010-11 to increase the Medicare rebate for General Practice Level C and D consultations.

As part of this measure, GP management plans and team care arrangements will be simplified. In addition, the Government will provide a fast and efficient allied health referral process for eligible patients with a chronic health condition.

The Government will work with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Australian Medical Association and allied health professionals to develop the simpler streamlined referral process with clear and appropriate clinical eligibility requirements.

This is one of five measures in a \$833 million package to support GPs and boost Medicare to help ensure that families have better access to after hours care, more preventative health care and better chronic disease management.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$350 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: Improving timeliness of diagnosis and treatment

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$3 million over three years from 2010-11 to improve the timeliness of diagnosis and treatment by implementing general practice referrals for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) based on best practice.

The Government will work with the Australian Medical Association, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists to develop appropriate referral protocols and criteria.

This is one of five measures in a \$833 million package to support GPs and boost Medicare to help ensure that families have better access to after hours care, more preventative health care and better chronic disease management.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: Infrastructure grants for existing family GP practices

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$200 million over four years from 2010-11 for infrastructure grants of up to \$250,000 for existing family GP practices.

Grants will be available to develop infrastructure for training and teaching rooms, rooms for additional and visiting doctors, expansion of integrated allied health services and multi-disciplinary care, including for practice nurses and extension of after-hours opening times. The measure will be targeted to rural and remote areas, areas of need and districts of workforce shortage. The criteria for the grants will be developed in consultation with the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and family general practitioners.

This is one of five measures in a \$833 million package to support GPs and boost Medicare to help ensure that families have better access to after hours care, more preventative health care and better chronic disease management.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$200 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: Medicare rebates for practice nurses

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$115 million over four years from 2010-11 to increase and expand Medicare rebates for practice nurses. The Government will also retain the Practice Nurse Medicare Rebates and the existing Practice Incentive Payment which the previous Government had intended to abolish.

This is one of five measures in a \$833 million package to support GPs and boost Medicare to help ensure that families have better access to after hours care, more preventative health care and better chronic disease management.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$115 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost GP Services: More after-hours GP services

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$165 million over four years from 2010-11 to increase after-hours Medicare rebates and retain and strengthen the After Hours Practice Incentive Payment. This measure includes \$140 million to increase Medicare rebates for a range of after-hours consultations and \$25 million to increase the After Hours Practice Incentive Payment.

This is one of five measures in a \$833 million package to support GPs and boost Medicare to help ensure that families have better access to after hours care, more preventative health care and better chronic disease management.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost GP Services', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (05/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$165 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost Local Health Services: Community Health Fund

Details

The Government has committed to establishing an \$85 million Community Health Fund to improve the capacity of health-related infrastructure and services in local communities.

Funding will be allocated based on the potential for projects to improve access to, or meet identified gaps in, the provision of local health services. Projects may include: - health equipment, including MRI, CT and PET scanners - capital upgrades of health infrastructure, including local hospitals - limited recurrent funding to provide local health services.

The first project to be funded under this fund will be a Linear Accelerator for Burnie Hospital, Tasmania at a cost of \$7 million over four years.

Spokesperson	Peter Dutton				
Source	'Real Action to Boost Local Health Services', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (06/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$85 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce: Annual bonus for Rural Nurse Practitioners

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$12 million over four years from 2010-11 to introduce an annual bonus of \$10,000 for up to 300 Nurse Practitioners who choose to practise in remote communities that have no resident medical practitioner.

This is one of four measures in a \$27.1 million regional health workforce package designed to increase the size of the health workforce and support regional doctors, nurses and dentists. This measure is also part of the \$3.6 billion Real action on hospitals and nursing package.

Spokesperson	Warren Truss
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce', Nationals and Liberal Party websites, Media Statement (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	-\$12 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce: Bonded scholarship scheme for rural and regional dentists

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$2 million over four years from 2010-11 to pilot rural bonded scholarship scheme for dentists. Initially, 20 scholarships will be offered on similar terms to the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships. Funding for additional scholarships will be considered from 2014-15, subject to an evaluation of the pilot scheme.

This is one of four measures in a \$27.1 million regional health workforce package designed to increase the size of the health workforce and support regional doctors, nurses and dentists.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce', Nationals and Liberal Party websites, Policy Document (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.0 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce: Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$10 million over four years from 2010-11 to double the number of Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships from 100 to 200 and to reduce the length of the bonded term from six to three years. The Government will offer scholarships of \$24,207 per annum for students who study medicine and commit to the bonded term of three years. This is one of four measures in a \$27.1 million regional health workforce package designed to increase the size of the health workforce and support regional doctors, nurses and dentists.

Spokesperson

Warren Truss

Source

'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce', Nationals and Liberal Party websites, Policy Document (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce: Scholarships for rural and regional Nurse Practitioners

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$3.1 million over four years from 2010-11 to fund an additional 100 scholarships for registered nurses in rural and regional areas to undertake their training to become Nurse Practitioners.

This is one of four measures in a \$27.1 million regional health workforce package designed to increase the size of the workforce and support regional doctors, nurses and dentists. This measure also forms part of the \$3.6 billion Real action on hospitals and nursing package.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Boost the Regional Health Workforce', Nationals and Liberal Party websites, Policy Document (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$3.1 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Suicide funding for The Gap

Details

The Government will provide \$2.1 million for extensive works designed to reduce suicides at The Gap at Watsons Bay in Sydney. The works will include a 1.3 metre inward curving fence, lighting, CCTV cameras, emergency telephones and extensive landscaping and road-works.

These measures will help in de-stigmatising the location and ensure that those contemplating suicide at The Gap are deterred long enough for somebody to reach them, talk to them and change their mind. These techniques have been proven in other cities around the world to materially reduce and deter suicide attempts.

Spokesperson	Malcolm Turnbull
Source	'Turnbull minds The Gap with \$2.1 million suicide funding pledge', Sydney Morning Herald, Newspaper Report (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	-\$2.1 million (spend)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Housing

Direct Commonwealth intervention to deliver remote Indigenous housing

Details The Government has committed to intervening more directly in the delivery of all Commonwealth-funded Indigenous housing programs. It would bypass state and territory governments that fail to deliver, and directly provide houses.

Spokesperson Nigel Scullion

Source 'Libs would bypass states to build houses', The Australian, p7., Newspaper Report (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing Affordability in Darwin

Details

The Government has committed to selling Commonwealth land in Winnellie (Eaton area) which is being used for Defence personnel housing.

This commitment is designed to increase housing supply in Darwin to take pressure off house prices in the region. The sale could see 395 houses added to the inner-Darwin housing market.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Housing Affordability in Darwin', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (31/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: A National Framework for Community Housing

Details

The Government has committed to a develop a national regulatory framework for community housing as part of a package of housing initiatives, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services.

The national regulatory framework will provide consistent supervision of community housing providers based on their risk profile. The framework also aims to allow providers operating across state boundaries to cross-subsidise activities around the nation, with the Commonwealth to adjust its formula for housing-related payments accordingly.

Spokesperson Gary Humphries

Source 'Community Housing Policy', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Initiative to be funded from within existing funding

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: Addressing Homelessness

Details

The Government has committed to a plan to introduce new service coordination and funding mechanisms for homelessness service provision as part of a package of housing initiatives, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services.

This commitment aims to address homelessness by:

- creating a Homelessness Coordination Unit to operate as a one-stop shop for service providers with reporting and application requirements common across agencies
- requiring states and territories to be assessed against a whole-of-government homelessness plan addressing the causes of homelessness across multiple portfolios as a condition of federal funding, with funding veto for state agencies that fail to deliver satisfactory standards of care and service
- identifying incentives to foster partnerships between the not for profit and private sectors in order to develop new facilities for homelessness services, and
- segregating Supported Accommodation Assistance Program funding for early intervention programmes, with funds going to organisations able to demonstrate the ability to link people with programs that help them out of homelessness.

Spokesperson Gary Humphries

Source 'Community Housing Policy', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Initiative to be funded from within existing funding

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: Affordable Housing

Details

The Government has committed to develop a state-based register and tenancy management system as part of a package of housing initiatives, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services.

The state-based register and tenancy management system of affordable accommodation that meets nationally agreed standards, will be based on existing state housing agency tenancy management systems. It will consist of all existing housing stock, including stock held by community housing organisations, dwellings under the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and emergency accommodation and shelter places. Private owners could apply to list their stock, subject to meeting national standards.

Spokesperson Gary Humphries

Source 'Community Housing Policy', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Initiative to be funded from within existing funding

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Housing: Affordable Housing Vouchers

Details The Government has committed to establish an affordable housing voucher scheme as part of a package of housing initiatives, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services.

The affordable housing voucher schemes would be established by states and territories. The vouchers could be used in any accommodation registered with the proposed state-based registers including social housing (see Real Action on Housing: Affordable Housing) or to meet mortgage payments where the eligible person is purchasing their own home. The vouchers would define the value of assistance for recipients, and when used for rental, the rent that could be charged by owners of registered accommodation. Voucher holders will be responsible for paying any difference between the voucher value and actual rent or mortgage payments.

Spokesperson	Gary Humphries
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Housing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	Initiative to be funded from within existing funding				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: Direct investment in the housing market

Details

The Government has committed to a plan for real action on housing, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services. This commitment includes releasing the NRAS Implementation Study and allowing state and territory Governments to adjust the amount of their subsidy to NRAS projects to improve NRAS' take up in regions where rent are higher than average.

Spokesperson Garry Humphries

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Housing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs 0

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: Introduce a National Home Affordability Compact

Details The Government has committed to a plan for real action on housing, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services. This commitment includes establishing a National Home Affordability Compact in which states and territories will have to agree to set accommodation targets in order to continue to receive federal funds. The Government has also committed to developing National Planning Principles to identify best practice in planning and community consultation.

Spokesperson Garry Humphries

Source 'The Coalition's Planning for Real Action on Housing,' Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs 0

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Housing: State Housing Trusts

Details The Government has committed to establish statutory housing trusts as part of a package of housing initiatives, including a new National Affordable Housing Agreement and a National Home Affordability Compact, changes to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, and reforms to social housing and homelessness services.

The aim of this commitment is to encourage each jurisdiction to transfer all of its existing housing stock to an independent statutory housing trust for management. The trust would be permitted to raise debt finance, as a government borrower, to fund its activities.

Spokesperson Gary Humphries

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Housing', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Initiative to be funded from within existing funding.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Immigration and Citizenship

Real Action on Offshore Processing and Visas: Review of visa approvals and foreign staff employed at Australian overseas missions

Details The Government has committed to undertake a review of current systems for issuing visas at Australian overseas missions. The review will consider whether the increased reliance on locally engaged staff to manage processing of immigration and visa applications has impacted on the integrity of Australia's immigration system.

Spokesperson Scott Morrison

Source 'Real Action on Offshore Processing & Visas', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Immigration and Citizenship

Real Action on Sustainable Population Growth: Skilled migration and Regional Australia

Details

The Government has committed to:

- reduce annual rate of net overseas migration to no more than 170,000 per year by the end of first term
- ensure two thirds of the permanent migration program is for skilled migration
- reinstate the critical skills list to reflect occupational skill needs of industry
- quarantine the level of employer nominated skills migration and 457 temporary business visas to at least the level it inherits
- liberalise arrangements for 457 visas, subject to clear standards to make them more accessible to businesses with proven skills shortage
- encourage settlement of new arrivals in regional and rural areas with states such as QLD and WA afforded high priority for permanent and temporary visa applications, and
- resettle more refugee and humanitarian entrants in regional areas.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Towards a Productive and Sustainable Population Growth Path', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/04/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Immigration and Citizenship

Real Action on Sustainable Population Growth: Immigration White Paper

Details

The Government has committed to producing a White Paper on immigration to reframe the structure and composition of Australia's immigration programme to address the policy challenges of sustainable population growth.

The White Paper will: examine the potential to move the migration programme to a more supply dominated model; review the integrity of visa processing arrangements and address errors in program criteria; identify gaps in legislation which have the potential to increase net overseas migration numbers; and review the recently introduced visa capping provisions.

A Discussion Paper will be released by end of 2010 with the final White Paper to be completed by the first budget in May 2011. This will inform the composition of the 2011-12 migration programme and is intended to contribute to achievement of the Government's first term population growth target of 1.4 per cent.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Towards a Productive and Sustainable Population Growth Path', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (01/04/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Indigenous Affairs

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for the Commonwealth Ombudsman in the Northern Territory

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the Commonwealth Ombudsman in the Northern Territory, providing a saving of \$1.6 million over two years from 2010-11.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1.6 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for the community engagement funding in the Northern Territory

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the community engagement funding in the Northern Territory, providing savings of \$25 million over two years from 2010-11.

The funding provided under this program by the previous Government supported the employment of fifteen Indigenous Engagement Officers in the Northern Territory over four years and leadership development across the 73 prescribed communities.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$25.0 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Establish a Director-General of Indigenous policy implementation

Details The Government has committed to establish a Director-General of Indigenous Policy Implementation in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Director-General will report directly to the Prime Minister. The position will have the authority to work across government departments and agencies and to monitor and fast track Indigenous policy initiatives. It will be independent of agencies responsible for program delivery and will have authority to intervene when programs fail to achieve desired outcomes.

Spokesperson Nigel Scullion

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil cost. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Fast-track boarding facilities

Details The Government has committed to fast-track the construction of several boarding facilities that are currently being implemented in the Northern Territory.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Preserving Indigenous ownership of their own economic future

Details The Government has committed to overturning the Wild Rivers Act (Qld), at least so far as it applies to Cape York, to allow Indigenous Australians to use 'wild rivers' for economic benefit and cultural fulfilment.

This commitment builds on the commitment of 12 January 2010 to introduce private member's legislation to overturn the Wild Rivers Act (Qld), at least so far as it applies to Cape York.

Spokesperson Nigel Scullion

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support Indigenous employment

Details The Government will commit \$8 million over four years, commencing in 2010-11, to expand the capacity of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy to enable it to increase its scope and outcomes.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support a referendum to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution.

Details The Government has committed to encourage public discussion and debate about the proposed change and seek bipartisan support for a referendum to be considered at the 2013 election.

Spokesperson Nigel Scullion

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support better Indigenous education

Details The Government will provide \$16 million over four years to expand the role and scope of the Family Responsibilities Commission. The Commission addresses attendance issues with students, families and the school to tackle problems including school truancy. Where truancy continues, Centrelink family payments may be withheld.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$16 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support ongoing improvements in Indigenous dental health

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$22 million over four years from 2010-11 to establish the Indigenous Dental Programme. This programme will provide a dental hygienist to any remote Indigenous school or Aboriginal Medical Service, upon request, for an agreed period.

Under this programme, the Government will also establish a new Indigenous Dental Partnership to provide a team of dental professionals to provide better access to dental treatment. An Indigenous Dental Services Volunteer Group will bring together volunteer dentists and dental hygienists to deliver services to remote locations.

The Government will also establish the Indigenous Dental Intervention Review to examine the results of the NT intervention and make recommendations about the required follow up actions to ensure that adequate dental services are provided in remote NT locations.

Spokesperson	Nigel Scullion
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$22 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support the Australian Employment Covenant

Details The Government has committed to maintaining support for the Australian Employment Covenant and reinvigorating the service by providing additional Commonwealth assistance and funding of \$8 million over four years, commencing in 2010-11.

The Government has also committed to continuing to work with Indigenous leaders to ensure that more young Indigenous people take up opportunities under the Australian Employment Covenant.

The Government has also committed to expanding Australian Employment Covenant services to non-indigenous job seekers.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Indigenous Affairs

Real Action for Indigenous Australians: Support the growth of tourism and economic development

Details

The Government has committed to limit the permits system under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (ALRA) to no longer require that permits be obtained from communities to facilitate access to roads into communities or to access community land or facilities.

Spokesperson	Nigel Scullion				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Indigenous Australians', Nigel Scullion website, Policy Document (13/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Industry

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue Retooling for Climate Change

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Retooling for Climate Change program, providing savings of \$39.8 million.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$39.8 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	18.8	21.8	0.0	0.0	40.6

Initial Assessment

Industry

Pay off the Debt: Enterprise Connect - Amalgamation with AusIndustry

Details

The Government has committed to abolish Enterprise Connect by merging its functions into AusIndustry, providing savings of \$101.6 million.

Spokesperson

Tony Abbott

Source

'Coalition Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$101.6 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Industry

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Green Building Fund

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Retooling for Climate Change program, providing savings of \$5 million.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$5 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0

Initial Assessment

Industry

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Green Car Innovation Fund

Details

The Government has committed to reduce funding from the Green Car Innovation Fund, providing savings of \$278 million.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$298 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	22.0	76.0	99.0	81.0	278.0

Initial Assessment

Industry

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Develop a national food and grocery agenda

Details The Government has committed \$0.7 million over four years to develop a National Food and Grocery Agenda. The agenda would encompass objectives such as enhancing the industry's export capacity, improving food safety, strengthening consumer education about a healthy and balanced diet and giving consumers access to a wider variety of food and grocery products.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.7 million. Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Reallocation of funding for TCF schemes

Details The Government has committed to reallocating \$176.4 million over four years from the Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Building Innovative Capability and Strategic Investment Program schemes. The funding will be allocated to a new TCF Innovation and Design Capability Scheme (see related commitment 'Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Improve the focus and effectiveness of TCF assistance').

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$176.4 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Review Australia's anti-dumping system

Details The Government has committed \$0.7 million over four years to review Australia's anti-dumping system so that it effectively ensures that Australian manufacturers' products are not undercut by subsidised imported products or products that do not comply with appropriate quality standards.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.7 million (spend). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment The Minister responsible for customs, in consultation with the Attorney-General and Ministers responsible for industry, trade, agriculture and competition should bring forward a new policy proposal prior to MYEFO. The Minister's proposal should outline plans for the review, including terms of reference, governance arrangements, timeframes and consultation arrangements, and the strategy for responding to the Productivity Commission's report on the review of Australia's Anti-Dumping and Countervailing System.

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Timeline for improved vehicle emission standards

Details The Government has committed to introduce mandatory fleet-average vehicle carbon dioxide emission standards.

Average mandatory emissions standards of 190g/km by 2015 and 155g/km by 2024 will be the starting point for consultation with industry and stakeholders. The standard will apply to all new light vehicles - defined as all four-wheel vehicles with a gross mass of 3.5 tonnes or less, including passenger cars, sports utility vehicles and light commercial vehicles sold in Australia (whether imported or manufactured locally).

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Improve the focus and effectiveness of Textile, Clothing and Footwear assistance

Details

The Government has committed to replace the existing Building Innovative Capacity (BIC) and Strategic Investment Program (SIP) schemes for the textile, clothing and footwear industries with a new \$176.4 million TCF Innovation and Design Capability Scheme. This new scheme will be funded from the appropriations for the existing BIC and SIP schemes (see related commitment 'Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Reallocation of funding for TCF schemes').

The Government has also committed to provide \$25.5 million over three years for a new TCF Strategic Industries Scheme for manufacturers of apparel of strategic importance, e.g. military clothing.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$201.9 million Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Auslink/Nation Building Off Network

Details The Government has committed to provide funding for the Auslink/Nation Building Off Network

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition costing document, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$361.4 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Cutting red tape for the heavy vehicle industry by harmonising regulation

Details The Government has committed to harmonise regulations and cut state-specific red tape that impedes the road freight sector. The Productivity Commission estimates the cost of the various regulatory anomalies at \$2.4 billion per year.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Funding to South Australian Councils for Local Roads

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$49.5 million to South Australia Councils for local roads.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Australia's future' (Liberal party website), Policy Document (19/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$49.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Improving vehicle safety by promoting the ANCAP star rating system

Details The Government has committed to work with motoring organisations and car manufacturers to have all new cars sold in volume in Australia labelled under the ANCAP system. It will also work with insurers to promote greater buyer take up of four and five star safety rated vehicles and support ANCAP in its efforts to provide consumers with the information they need.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Matching Labor's decision to rephase the Victorian Regional Rail Link project

Details The Government has committed to reprofile funds available for the Victorian Regional Rail Link. Funding of \$80 million in 2012-13 and \$120 million in 2013-14 will be re-phased into 2014-15. The overall funding remains unchanged and the reprofiling will not affect the scheduled delivery of the project.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition costing document, Policy Document (21/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil. Includes -\$200 million (spend) beyond the forward estimates

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action for Infrastructure: Develop a 15-year infrastructure plan

Details The Government has committed to charge Infrastructure Australia with developing a 15-year infrastructure plan to be reviewed every five years.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition to let public invest in infrastructure', ABC website, Newspaper Report (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Bridges Renewal Program

Details The Government has committed to provide \$300 million over four years to create a new \$600 million Bridges Renewal Program to be matched on a dollar for dollar and case by case basis by local or state governments. The funds would be distributed on a competitive application basis giving priority to community needs and economic return. It will be part of the AusLink programs.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Coalition will build bridges and repair them too', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (17/06/2010)

Legislation --

Announced Costs -\$300 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Build the inland rail from Melbourne to Brisbane

Details The Government has committed to provide funding to build the inland rail from Melbourne through the Central West of NSW to Brisbane. The project is to be completed by 2022 and will be undertaken in partnership with the private sector. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$4.7 billion. Commonwealth funding towards the construction program will commence in 2014-15.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Construct the Toowoomba Bypass by 2017

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$700 million to build the Toowoomba Bypass with work to start in 2011-12.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$700 million (spend), including \$420 million in 2014-15.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Duplicate the Princes Highway from Winchelsea to Colac

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$195 million to duplicate the Princes Highway from Winchelsea to Colac with \$20 million to be provided over the next 3 years for planning and design work and with a \$350 million upgrade funded on an equal basis with the Victorian Government.

The planning and engineering design works will take into account the feasibility of the Princes Highway bypassing Colac. The community and local council will be consulted on the need for a Colac bypass.

The Government has committed to provide \$175 million for work to start from 2014 if there is a matching amount from the Victorian Government. This timing will coincide with the scheduled completion of the upgrade of the Princes Highway between Waurin Ponds and Winchelsea, which will minimise disruptions and safety concerns.

Spokesperson Sarah Henderson

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$195 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Feasibility study into the Toowoomba to Gladstone rail link

Details The Government has committed to fund a feasibility study to convert the track from Toowoomba to Gladstone to standard gauge rail. This will allow rolling stock to travel seamlessly from Melbourne all the way through to Gladstone.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: High speed rail feasibility study

Details The Government has committed to undertake a feasibility study into high speed rail which will build on its previous "East Coast Very High Speed Train Scoping Study" to consider the viability of passenger routes along the east coast between Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane. The study will also undertake an analysis of a possible high speed rail link between Sydney and Newcastle.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action for Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-6.0	-14.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0

Initial Assessment

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Real Action on Infrastructure: Infrastructure Partnership Bonds Feasibility Study

Details

The Government has committed to commissioning the Office of Financial Management to examine the feasibility of introducing an Infrastructure Partnership Bonds scheme. The Government has proposed this advice include the option of concessional tax treatment in the form of a tax rebate equivalent to 10 per cent of the assessable interest income on qualifying infrastructure bonds held by investors under the scheme.

If this scheme proceeds, the Government has proposed that a 10 year cap on Government expenditure of \$1.5 billion form part of the scheme. Initial funding for this initiative would be provided by a transfer of remaining Building Australia Fund funds over the forward estimates.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$300 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Moreton Bay Rail Link

Details The Government has committed to provide \$750 million from AusLink 3, commencing in 2014-15, towards major construction works for the Moreton Bay Rail Link. The Moreton Bay Regional Council has committed \$105 million towards the project.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$750 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Infrastructure: Third stage of AusLink

Details The Government has committed to immediately commence planning for the third stage of AusLink with minimum funding of \$35 billion. AusLink 3 will be funded by allocating 20 cents per litre from Commonwealth fuel excise to AusLink. The rate of excise will not be increased. A minimum of 40 per cent of the funds is to be allocated to regional projects.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$35 billion (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Infrastructure: Upgrade Australia's critical intercity rail infrastructure

Details The Government has committed to provide funding to upgrade the Melbourne-Sydney and Sydney-Brisbane coastal rail link. The north and south dedicated rail freight lines through Sydney will be completed.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: 500 new roadside stops for trucks

Details The Government has committed to provide \$300 million over the next ten years to fund the construction of 500 new roadside stops for truck drivers.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport' (liberal party website), Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$70 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Transport: Aviation policy initiatives

Details

The Government has committed to support the regulators responsible for the safe management of Australian aviation. It has committed to maintain a board to manage the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. The Government has committed to supporting the independence and adequate funding of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. The Government has committed to ensure Air Services Australia has the best equipment available and will progress the adoption of new technologies. The Government has committed to seek international advice and conduct a review into the best way to deploy radar including in air traffic control.

The Government has committed to maintain the Air Security Officers Programme on Australia's commercial aircraft. It has committed to strengthen and accelerate background checks for the Aviation Security Identification Card and to ensure increased transparency in the Budget process for the Passenger Movement Charge - ensuring it is spent on customs, immigration and quarantine, with the amount disclosed in the Budget.

The Government has committed to continue its approach to aviation liberalisation balanced by the need to protect the national interest.

The Government has committed to maintain the En-Route Charges and Remotes Air Services Subsidy schemes and the Remote Aerodrome Safety Programme.

The Government has committed to review current tax arrangements to determine whether incentives can be established to replace ageing aircraft and to work with the industry to address the burden of regulatory changes and compliance without compromising safety.

The Government has committed to revitalise the General Aviation Action Agenda and to establish a regular dialogue with the sector to address industry issues.

The Government has committed to establish Australia as a global leader in flight training and to appoint a Trade Representative for Services who would be tasked, along with the Australian Trade Commission, with promoting Australia's pilot training services globally. The Government has committed to work towards ensuring trainees studying for a commercial pilots licence can get Commonwealth loan assistance.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$10 million (spend)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Building Australia's highest priority road projects: Begin the upgrade of the Bell's Line of Road

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding to begin the upgrade of the Bell's Line of Road across the Blue Mountains. Funding will be met from existing AusLink and Nation Building Funds.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)				
Legislation	Not required				
Announced Costs	Not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

**Real Action on Transport: Building Australia's highest priority road projects:
Complete the duplication of the Bruce Highway from Cooroy to Curra**

Details The Government has committed to provide funding to complete the duplication of the Bruce Highway from Cooroy to Curra.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Building Australia's highest priority road projects: Continue work on upgrading the Outback Way

Details The Government has committed to provide funding under the Auslink program continue work on upgrading the Outback Way.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Infrastructure', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Transport: Building Australia's highest priority road projects: Upgrade the Midland Highway

Details The Government has committed to provide \$400 million, comprising \$40 million per year over 10 years starting 1 July 2014, for the upgrade of the Midland Highway, including \$1 million in the forward estimates for planning.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Abbott Doorstop in Launceston - Midland Highway upgrade', Liberal Party website, Speech (19/02/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$400 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Building Australia's highest priority road projects: Upgrade the highway east of Adelaide

Details The Government has committed to provide funding to continue upgrading the highway east of Adelaide with the eventual goal of completing a four lane road from Adelaide to Melbourne.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition's plan for real action on infrastructure, Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation --

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Transport: Building a sustainable and competitive shipping sector

Details The Government will review the impact of Royalty Withholding Tax, consider the introduction of a voluntary tonnage taxation system and look at other taxation arrangements that disadvantage seafarers and shipping companies.
It will establish a National Maritime Skills and Training Plan to address skills shortages and establish a national approach to training and accreditation and improve industry consultation.
It will seek to reform conflicting state and Federal legislative arrangements in training and environmental laws and clarify legislation underpinning cabotage.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source The 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Transport: Complete the duplication of the Pacific Highway

Details The Government has committed to providing funding to complete the duplication of the Pacific Highway.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party Website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Transport: Construct the Toowoomba second range crossing by 2017

Details The Government has committed to provide funding for the construction of the Toowoomba second range crossing by 2017.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real action on Transport', Liberal Party Website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Duplicate the Princes Highway between Colac and Sale through Melbourne

Details The Government has committed funding to duplicate the Princes Highway between Colac and Sale through Melbourne, ultimately providing a divided road all the way from regional Victoria to north of Gympie via Sydney and Brisbane.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party Website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Improve the safety of Australia's roads

Details The Government will use the Australian Road Assessment Programme (AusRAP) as one of its planning tools to direct funds for the maintenance and upgrade of the national highways. The Government has committed to a Black Spot programme to target dangerous sections of Australia's roads. The Government will ensure the programme is devoted to roads off the National Land Transport Network.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport', Liberal website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Northbridge Rail Link in Perth

Details The Government will provide funding of \$236 million from AusLink to assist in the construction of the Northbridge Rail Link in Perth.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$236 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: Protecting our children by installing seatbelts in regional school buses

Details The Government has committed to continue to fund the installation of seatbelts in regional school buses beyond 2012 with \$10 million per year through the Seatbelts for Kids program. It will raise the subsidy offered per bus from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to encourage greater uptake of the scheme by rural bus operators.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action on Transport: Protecting our children by installing seatbelts in regional school buses', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20.000 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Real Action on Transport: working with the Australian Motorcycle Council to improve road safety

Details The Government has committed to consult with the Australian Motorcycle Council in the development of the next National Road Safety Strategy for 2011-2020 so that road safety policy better acknowledges their particular issues.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action for Transport', Liberal website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Ring Road for Mackay

Details The Government has committed to provide a ring road for Mackay including an initial \$30 million over the next three years for design, engineering and preparatory work for the Mackay ring road. The road will skirt western Mackay and link the Bruce and Peak Downs Highways with the town's port. In total, the ring road will cost approximately \$240 million to complete.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition will provide a ring road for Mackay', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (27/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$30 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Second Interchange at Mount Barker

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$22 million, starting from 2013-14, towards a second freeway interchange in Mount Barker.

The District Council of Mount Barker estimates the project will cost \$43.7 million. The project would be jointly funded with the state government.

Spokesperson	Jamie Briggs
Source	'Liberals commit to second interchange at Mount Barker', Jamie Briggs website, Media Statement (21/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$22 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Support key road improvements in Western Australia

Details

The Government has committed to support key road improvements in Western Australia such as building the Mirabooka Bypass and the Manning Road on ramp, and funding larger projects including supporting:

- the Accelerated Upgrade Package on the Great Northern and Victoria Highways;
- the grade separation of the Great Eastern and Roe Highway Interchange in northeast Perth;
- the widening of the Great Eastern Highway from Kooyong Road to the Tonkin Highway; and
- upgrading roads around Perth Airport.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Infrastructure and Transport Policy

Working with the Australian Automobile Association and Rotary to improve driver safety

Details The Government has committed to work with the Australian Automobile Association to continue keys2drive, aimed at younger novice drivers. It will also establish Australia's first national accreditation scheme for driving instructors and will work with Rotary to assist in the national roll-out of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Transport', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Enhance Australia's venture capital market

Details The Government has committed to reviewing the Innovation Investment Fund to assess its effectiveness and enhance and expand the venture capital industry in Australia.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Improved measurement of innovation

Details The Government has committed \$0.35 million over four years to work with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to explore ways of more effectively measuring the impact of innovation policies.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.35 million Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Re-focus Commercialisation Australia

Details The Government has committed to review the effectiveness of Commercialisation Australia to provide more direct support for the commercialisation of new ideas.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Constitutional recognition of Local Government

Details The Coalition has committed to allocate \$15 million in the 2013-14 financial year to recognise local government in the Constitution.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'Speech to the National General Assembly of Local Government', Nationals website, Speech (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Establish a Federal Circuit Court

Details

The Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court will deal only with complex trials and with appeals from the Federal Circuit Court.

The Federal Circuit Court will have its own registrar and CEO. Remuneration of Circuit judges to be referred to Remuneration Tribunal.

The Federal Circuit Court will have a military division in which Circuit judges with military matters experience could serve.

Spokesperson George Brandis

Source 'Transcript: Robert McClelland, Debate, Sydney', ALP website, Newspaper Report (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Journalist Shield Laws

Details The Government has committed to introducing a new shield laws Bill, enacting a rebuttable presumption against disclosure along the lines of the regime operating in the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Spokesperson George Brandis

Source 'Transcript: Robert McClelland, Debate, Sydney', ALP website, Newspaper Report (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue Australian Human Rights Framework

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Australian Human Rights framework. The framework was to raise human rights awareness in the community and the public sector through targeted education initiatives, increased parliamentary scrutiny, consolidated anti-discrimination laws and a National Action Plan on Human Rights. The Government does not consider this campaign is an effective use of taxpayer funds.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$18.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	3.8	4.3	4.6	5.4	18.1

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for Africa law and justice frameworks

Details The Government has committed to reversing the 2009-10 Budget measure 'Africa – law and justice frameworks – Australian assistance'.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$16.8 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.5	16.8

Initial Assessment

Reform Freedom of Information Law

Details The Government has committed to reform freedom of information laws and implement a 'pro-disclosure' culture in the government and public sector.

It will also transfer responsibility for freedom of information laws from the Special Minister of State to the Attorney-General.

Spokesperson George Brandis

Source 'Transcript: Robert McClelland, Debate, Sydney', ALP website, Speech (13/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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27. Local Government

Northern Australia Alliance

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Local Government

Northern Australia Alliance

Details The Government has committed to provide \$0.6 million to the Northern Australian Alliance.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Australia's Future' (liberal party website), Party Fact Sheet (19/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$0.6 million (spend)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Construction of flood mitigation works at Blakey's Crossing

Details The Government has committed to providing \$21 million for critical flood mitigation works at Blakey's Crossing in Northern Townsville. The funding will deliver the reconstruction of the existing road with the capacity to provide pathways for two lanes, as well as pedestrian pavement works and channelling works to prevent the road from flooding. Construction will commence after the wet season with completion expected within 12 months.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source '\$21 million for flood mitigation work in Townsville', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (02/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$21 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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National Bushfire Mitigation Programme, including Funding for Early Fire Detection System

Details

The Government has committed to invest \$15 million over three years to establish a National Bushfire Mitigation Programme to develop comprehensive, long term bushfire mitigation strategies, including better reduction programmes and an early fire detection system.

The programme will be part of a broader national approach to forest fire management, with improved co-ordination through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements following bushfires, satellite surveillance to detect bushfires in isolated areas, funding for fire trails, access and signage and the Australian Government's contribution to aerial fire fighting.

This commitment includes the allocation of \$10 million, announced by the Coalition separately on 7 August 2010, to an early fire detection system and the dissemination of statistical and mapping data to local and state organisations.

This database entry covers both items.

Spokesperson	Richard Colebeck
Source	'Coalition forestry policy targets contractors', ABC Rural Tasmania, Media Statement (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Fight Crime: Establishing a National Violent Gangs Database

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding towards developing and implementing a National Violent Gangs Database so that law enforcement agencies can better track bikie and other violent gang activity across jurisdictions.

The database will be administered by the Australian Crime Commission.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Fight Crime', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (29/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$33 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-3.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-33.0

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Real Action to Fight Crime: Establishment of a National Violent Gangs Squad Headquarters

Details The Government has committed to providing an additional \$10 million to locate the national headquarters of the new Violent Gangs Squad in Western Sydney.
 This funding will be used to identify and secure an appropriate location, and to cover any related establishment and administrative support costs. The new headquarters will be fully operational for the commencement of the Violent Gangs Squad from 1 July 2011.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Violent Gangs Squad Headquarters for Western Sydney' Tony Abbott website, Media Statement (16/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$10 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Fight Crime: Formation of a national violent gangs squad

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding towards the recruitment of at least 200 additional investigators to the Australian Crime Commission to form a Violent Gangs Squad. These will be experienced investigators seconded from the AFP and State and Territory police, with their replacements in those police forces trained at Commonwealth expense.

The Violent Gangs Squad will commence operations on 1 July 2011.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Fight Crime', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (29/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$95 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-5.0	-15.0	-30.0	-45.0	-95.0

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Fight Crime: Introduction of nationally consistent drug laws

Details The Government has committed to seek a national standard relating to the quantities involved in the trafficking and possession of illicit drugs and nationally consistent penalties for all illicit drug offences.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Fight Crime', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (29/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action to Fight Crime: National Knife Crime Action Plan

Details

The Government has committed to a Knife Crime Action Plan, which will:

1. provide additional funding for hand held metal detectors to assist police in the search for concealed weapons
2. prohibit the importation into Australia of dangerous hunting knives and standardise the issue of permits for the purchase of dangerous knives online
3. promote harsher sentences for carrying a knife, and
4. harmonise state and territory knife crime laws and penalties.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Fight Crime', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (29/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$1 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-1.0

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Real Action to Fight Crime: Re-establish a national community crime prevention programme

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding support for grass-roots projects that enhance community safety and prevent crime.

Supported measures will include installation of CCTV and other security related infrastructure, such as anti-hoon devices. It will also fund security initiatives for local councils to combat low-level crime such as graffiti and vandalism.

Other specific measures will include security patrols and graffiti cleaning squads. The programme will complement existing state and territory government programmes.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Fight Crime', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (24/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$42.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-5.0	-15.0	-15.0	-15.0	-50.0

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29. Nuclear Policy

Overturn ban on uranium exports to India

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Nuclear Policy

Overturn ban on uranium exports to India

Details The Government has committed to approve uranium sales to India, subject to suitable safeguards.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'National Security Fundamentals', Lowy Institute website, Speech (23/04/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Parliamentary and Cabinet Processes

Establish a Regional Committee of Cabinet and have regional impact statements

Details The Government has committed to forming a Regional Committee of Cabinet chaired by the Leader of The Nationals and Deputy Prime Minister. All Cabinet submissions should be accompanied by a Regional Impact Statement, outlining the economic, environmental and social consequences of government decisions on regional Australia.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'Our Plan for Regional Development', Nationals website, Policy Document (20/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Parliamentary and Cabinet Processes

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for Community Cabinets

Details

The Government has committed to discontinue funding for Community Cabinet meetings thereby generating a saving of \$13.7 million in total, comprising \$3.2 million in 2010-11, \$3.5 million in 2011-12, \$3.5 million in 2012-13, \$3.5 million in 2013-14 for a four year total of \$13.7 million.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure of Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$13.7 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	13.7

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Parliamentary and Cabinet Processes

Reform of Question Time

Details

The Government has committed to reform Parliamentary Standing Orders such that Question Time would:

- provide time limits on questions and answers
- strengthen the definition of 'relevant' in the standing order, and
- ensure Matter of Public Importance debates follow Question Time.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'The Coalition will reform Question Time'; Liberal Party website, Media Statement (01/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Parliamentary and Cabinet Processes

Restoration of Cabinet Government

Details

The Government has committed to restore cabinet government. All significant government decisions should be considered by cabinet before they are announced rather than subsequently presented as "done deals".

While proper cabinet process probably can't be an absolute rule, it certainly should be a general one.

Good cabinet government is also about the processes leading up to meetings. Submissions need to be made in good time so that ministers can digest them. Alternative proposals should be canvassed, normally as part of coordination comments from other departments.

In addition the Cabinet and the National Security Committee is to meet in week one as per the address at the 2010 Federal Coalition Campaign Launch.

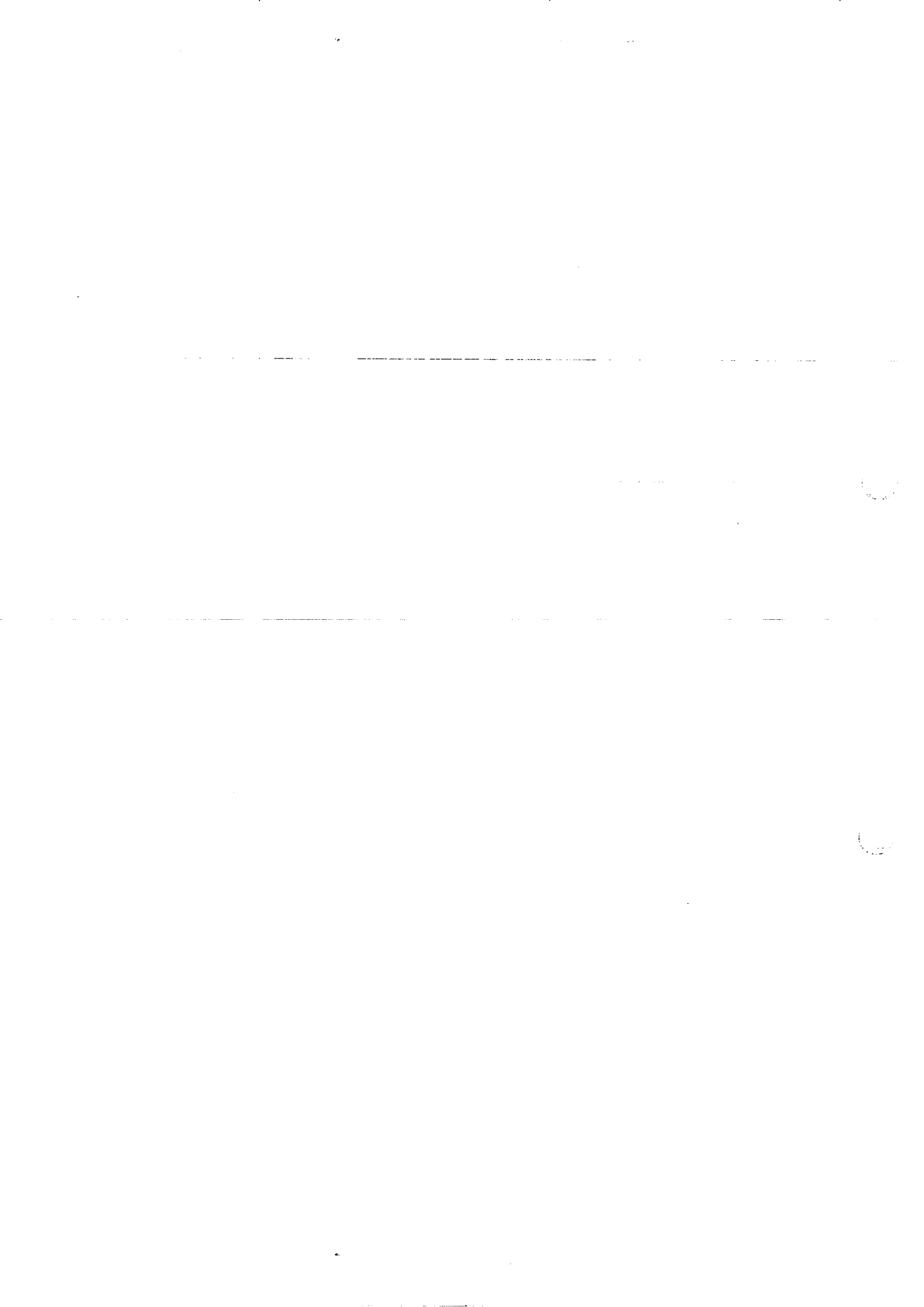
Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	Address to the CEDA State of the Nation 2010 Conference', Liberal Party website, Speech (22/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Public Administration and Machinery of Government

Amend the FMA Act to include 'value for money'

Details The Government has committed to making an amendment to section 44 of the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 to include the term 'value for money' under the definition of 'proper use' of Commonwealth resources.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address to CEDA State of the Nation 2010 Conference', Liberal Party website, Speech (22/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Elevate small business minister into Cabinet

Details The Government has committed to having the Minister with responsibility for small business as a member of the Cabinet.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action to Support Small Business', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (28/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs none

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Establish a Parliamentary Budget Office

Details

The Government has committed to establish a Parliamentary Budget Office as a small independent statutory office, accountable to the Parliament, to undertake cost-benefit analyses for all major new government spending decisions.

Similar to the United States Congressional Budget Office but smaller in scale, the Office would be a politically independent alternative source of policy advice and economic research. It would examine the overall economic impacts of measures such as the stimulus packages and provide a professional assessment of whether they were value for money.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address to CEDA State of the Nation 2010 Conference', Tony Abbott website, Speech (22/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$6 million over 3 years from 2011-12 (spend). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Establish an Office of Due Diligence in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Details

The Government has committed, within its first week, to establishing an Office of Due Diligence within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) that will:

- assess every new major Government spending program before Cabinet approval to ensure they are: efficiently designed; have a detailed implementation plan; and will be implemented in a manner that provides maximum value for the taxpayer, and
- comprise officers seconded from the Australian National Audit Office and the Commonwealth Ombudsman as well as people with private sector contracting experience.

All proposed spending programs with a value of more than \$100 million will require the preparation of a detailed implementation plan.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'Real Action to End the Waste & Deliver Lower, Fairer & Simpler Taxes', Tony Abbott website, Media Statement (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Cut additional funding to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Details The Government has committed to discontinuing the additional funding that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received in the 2010-11 Budget. This would save \$12 million over four years, beginning in the 2010-11 financial year.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Updated list of Budget saving measures', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$11.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	3.3	4.0	4.0	0.0	11.3

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Pay off the Debt: Cut government advertising

Details The Government has committed to cutting government advertising by 25 per cent.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address in Reply Budget 2010', Liberal Party website, Speech (13/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$175 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding associated with Australian Public Service Reform

Details The Government has committed to discontinuing the funding associated with the Australian Public Service Reform program, providing savings of \$39 million.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'Coalition's Plan to Rein in Rudd's Reckless Spending', Andrew Robb website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$36.4 million (save) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	15.6	10.7	10.1	0.0	36.4

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Pay off the Debt: Public Service Temporary Recruitment Freeze

Details

The Government has committed to putting in place a two year recruitment freeze for the Australian Public Service to reduce staffing numbers. There will be no redundancies but for two years 6,000 bureaucrats who retire or resign each year will not be replaced.

The freeze will apply on an agency-by-agency basis but uniformed and frontline service positions including, for example, the Australian Federal Police, customs and quarantine, the Australian Defence Force and Centrelink customer service staff will be excluded.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Address in Reply Budget 2010', Liberal Party website, Speech (13/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$3.8 billion (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Seniors: Appointment of a Minister for Ageing and Seniors

Details The Government has committed to appoint a Minister for Ageing and Seniors in recognition of needs of Australian seniors beyond aged care.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Royal Commission into the Building the Education Revolution Program

Details The Government has committed to hold a judicial inquiry with royal commission powers into the Building the Education Revolution with powers to subpoena documents and summons witnesses to determine how much money has been wasted and who is responsible.

Spokesperson Christopher Pyne

Source 'School hall rip off delayed', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (18/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend) with funding in the associated commitment Royal Commission into the Building the Education Revolution Program.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program

Details The Government has committed to hold a Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program. The commitment was made in the context of the recommendations of the Senate Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee report of 15 July 2010 on the Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation).

Spokesperson Greg Hunt

Source 'Insulation Inquiry: Test for Gillard on Gross and Systemic Failures', Greg Hunt website, Media Statement (16/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$15 million (spend) Coalition independent costing. Includes costs associated with the commitment Royal Commission into the Building the Education Revolution Program.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Better Regions Program Funding Boost

Details The Government has committed to broaden the Better Regions Program over three components:

- infrastructure project grants for large scale industry, tourism, community infrastructure and community service proposals;
- community grants for initiatives that increase social opportunities, community participation and interaction; and
- a range of small grants to help councils and not-for-profit organisations with minor community projects.

Spokesperson Warren Truss

Source 'The Nationals Policy Platform 2010' Nationals website, Policy Document (20/06/2010)

Legislation -

Announced Costs -\$350 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Funding for the construction of the Townsville Entertainment Centre

Details

The Government has committed to provide funding of \$47.67 million, one third of the anticipated total cost of \$143 million, towards the construction of the entertainment and convention centre in Townsville.

The commitment includes making \$2.5 million immediately available for the Townsville City Council to fund design work.

The centre will be located at the Dean St car park and will have capacity to seat more than 5,000 people.

Spokesperson	Joe Hockey				
Source	'Libs send their money to Townsville', Cairns Post, Newspaper Report (03/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$47.67 million (spend)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Rehabilitation of the HMAS PLATYPUS

Details The Government has committed \$30 million to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to complete the conversion of HMAS Platypus.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition will provide \$30 million to finish the reabiltatin of Platypus', Joe Hockey website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$30 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Upgrade the Skilled Stadium development in Geelong

Details The Government has committed to provide \$36 million over five years towards the Geelong Football Club's \$76 million stage three development of Skilled Stadium. The funds would be expended in line with building progress. The Victorian Government has committed \$25 million.
The proposed development includes transformation of the northern terraces and stands, the addition of a new community wellness and education centre, a Geelong sports museum and the upgrading of Geelong Cricket Club and Kardinia Park netball headquarters.

Spokesperson Sarah Henderson

Source 'Promises aplenty as Julia hits town Liberals pledge cash for Cattery', Geelong Advertiser, p.4, Newspaper Report (10/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$36 million (spend) over the next five years

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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33. Renewable Energy

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Renewable Energy Future Fund

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Renewable Energy

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Renewable Energy Future Fund

Details The Government has committed to not proceed with the \$652.5 million Renewable Energy Future Fund (REFF).

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Budget Reply', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (20/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$652.5 million (save)				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	42.0	352.0	149.0	109.5	652.5

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Pay off the Debt: Abolish funding for the Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET) Counsellor to India

Details The Government has committed to abolish funding for the RET Counsellor to India.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition Additional Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$2.2 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0	2.3

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Pay off the Debt: CCS - Discontinue funding for the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute

Details The Government has committed to abolish the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute (GCCSI) by ceasing Government funding for the Institute.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Budget Savings Table', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$300 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	70.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	270.0

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Pay off the Debt: CCS - Reduce funding from the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships Program

Details The Government has committed to redirect \$598.3 million from the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagship Program.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$598.3 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding to the Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund by \$47 million.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$47 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for the Solar Flagships Program

Details The Government has committed to reducing the funding for the Solar Flagships Program by \$220 million over two years from 2012-13.

Spokesperson Andrew Robb

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$220 million (save). Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Carbon capture through biological sequestration

Details The Government has committed to fund development of carbon capture through biological sequestration technologies, such as algae.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$45 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Examine the potential use of thorium as an energy source for export

Details The Government has committed to examine the potential of Australia's thorium resources as an energy source for export.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Exploration Development Program

Details

The Government has committed to providing a tax credit from 2011-12 to Australian resident shareholders who invest in eligible green fields exploration activity.

The Government's Exploration Development Programme will provide incentives for minerals and exploration activity, with a focus on the small and mid-tier exploration sector. The Government will redirect \$150 million in funding from the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships programme to fund this programme.

Implementation details will be determined in consultation with industry representative bodies, including AMEC, AusIMM, and the Minerals Council of Australia. Programme outcomes will be reviewed every twelve months, and subject to review outcomes, may be extended for a further period.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Real Action on Resources and Energy', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (16/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	\$150m cost to revenue				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Exploration incentive for solar thermal and geothermal projects

Details The Government has committed to examine the viability of providing a new incentive for solar thermal and geothermal projects. Any incentive will be subject to prevailing Budget circumstances and fiscal constraints.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Greater scrutiny of applications for oil and gas retention leases

Details The Government has committed to imposing greater scrutiny of applications for oil and gas retention leases to ensure leases are not held to prevent competition in the development of natural resources.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: International co-operation to develop hydrogen as a vehicle fuel

Details The Government has committed to maintaining and encouraging international cooperation in the development of hydrogen as a long-term fossil fuel replacement for transport vehicles, particularly passenger vehicles.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Release Energy White Paper

Details The Government has committed to take rapid steps to ensure an update to the 2004 Energy White Paper is released.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Soil carbon technologies

Details The Government has committed to develop and implement soil carbon technologies, including biochar, that aim to capture and sequester carbon in soils.
The \$45 million will be redirected from the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) programme.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$45 million (spend) to be redirected from the Carbon Capture and Storage Flagships program

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Support a pilot biofuel lignocellulose plant

Details The Government has committed to provide \$8 million over four years to support a pilot lignocellulose plant in Australia. Lignocellulose is a potential low-cost, non-food and non-feed feedstock for biofuel production.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Support development of logistics systems for LNG as a transport fuel

Details The Government has committed to provide \$8 million over four years to assist commercial enterprises in the development of logistics systems for liquid natural gas as a transport fuel for heavy vehicles. Funding will focus particularly on the Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne transport corridors.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Energy and Resources: Support for clean coal technologies

Details The Government has committed to provide funding of \$158.3 million for clean coal technologies, including carbon geo-sequestration projects associated with coal-fired electricity generation. The funds will be redirected from the CCS Flagships programme.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$158.3 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Resources and Energy

Real Action on Energy and Resources: Test the suitability of competitive biodiesel blend

Details The Government has committed to provide \$4 million over four years towards a vehicle trial to test the suitability of B20 biodiesel for heavy vehicle use.

Spokesperson Ian Macfarlane

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$4 million

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Resources and Energy

Real Action on Energy and Resources: Working with industry to ensure national energy security

Details

The Government has committed to work closely with industry to ensure governments and the private sector develop Australia's energy resources in a constructive, collegiate and cost-effective manner to benefit consumers and ensure reliability, security and adequacy of supply.
The Government will also ensure that cost-recovery and pricing for consumers is managed in a transparent fashion that disadvantages neither consumers nor investors.

Spokesperson

Ian Macfarlane

Source

'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Energy and Resources', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (14/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs

Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Match Labor's Reductions in DIISR Programs

Details The Government has committed to match Labor's reductions in DIISR programs

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition Party Independent costings, Policy Document (21/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Cost in Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Matching Labor's decision - establishment of the ICT enabled laboratory

Details The Government has committed to not proceed with a possible grant of \$12.7 million over the forward estimates (\$22.1 million in total over six years) to assist with establishing an ICT enabled laboratory.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source Coalition costing document, Policy Document (21/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$22.1 million (save) over six years

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Science and Research

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Expand the research training scheme

Details The Government has committed to provide \$11.4 million over three years in additional funding for the Research Training Scheme. The increased funding will allow universities to increase participation in the scheme.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$11.4 million (spend). Coalition independent costings)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Expanded role for the Chief Scientist

Details The Government has committed to consider changing the Office of the Chief Scientist to a statutory authority. The Government will also consider expanding the Chief Scientist's role in working with school children.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Science and Research

Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: International science initiative

Details The Government has committed to provide \$23 million over three years towards new international science initiatives to support Australia's bilateral and multilateral science relationships.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$23 million (spend). Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Stop Labor's advocacy science

Details The Government has committed to adopt, in consultation with Australia's science community, a new charter to ensure publicly funded research is conducted in an objective, independent and apolitical manner.

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Science and Research

Real action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research: Increased public awareness of Australian science

Details The Government has committed \$16.7 million over three years to extend the existing Science Connections Program (SCOPE).

Spokesperson Sophie Mirabella

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Innovation, Industry, Science and Research', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$16.7 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action Plan to Support Seniors: Indexation of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card income thresholds

Details

The Government has committed to introducing indexation to the eligibility income threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card to enable recipients who maintain their incomes in real terms to continue to be eligible for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Income thresholds are currently set at \$50,000 for singles, \$80,000 for couples combined and \$100,000 for couples separated by illness, respite care or prison.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (04/08/2010)

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Announced Costs -\$25 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action Plan to Support Seniors: Provide a seniors' employment incentive payment for mature age workers

Details The Government has committed to making a payment of up to \$3,250 to businesses for each mature worker aged 50 years or older employed for a minimum period of six months. The worker would need to have been registered with Centrelink and on a benefit or pension prior to employment. The scheme would start in July 2011 and be reviewed after three years.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Seniors

Real Action Plan to Support Seniors: Retaining existing income rules for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Details The Government has committed to return to previous income test rules that excluded salary sacrificed income from the income test, thereby allowing access to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card for some self-funded retirees.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Support Seniors: Abolish the superannuation guarantee age limit

Details

The Government has committed that from 1 July 2013, it will totally abolish the Superannuation Guarantee age limit. Currently, the Superannuation Guarantee only applies to workers up to the age of 70.

On 2 May 2010 the Rudd Government announced that it would raise the age limit to 75 from 1 July 2013. Under the Government's plan, any worker, no matter their age, will be guaranteed to receive superannuation contributions from their employer.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Coalition to abolish superannuation guarantee age limit', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (23/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	not specified				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Support Seniors: Establishment of the 'Safer Seniors' program

Details

The Government has committed to introduce a 'Safer Seniors' program which would allow local councils to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 per annum. Funding of \$7.5 million will be made available through the re-established National Community Crime Prevention Programme.

This was announced as part of the package of measures 'Real Action Plan to Fight Crime'.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (04/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$-7.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action to Support Seniors: Examine issuing 30 year Government bonds

Details The Government has committed to directing the Australian Office of Financial Management to examine the issuing of bonds for terms of up to 30 years. The present maximum term for Government bonds is 15 years, limiting the period for which seniors (and others) can make highly secure investments.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Real Action Plan to Support Seniors', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (23/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs No costs associated with this commitment

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Skills and Training

Cattle Camp - Training for young Indigenous people

Details The Government has committed to a cattle camp that will provide a three-to-six month course in life skills and vocational training in the cattle industry for young Indigenous people who have come into contact with the legal system.

The total cost of the proposal is \$1.2 million. The Government has indicated it will commit \$0.5 million and that it may need additional funding support from the Queensland Government and other stakeholders.

Spokesperson Ed Morrision

Source '\$500,000 for cattle camp', The NorthWest Star, Newspaper Report (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Discontinue funding for the MySkills website

Details The Government has committed to discontinue funding for the MySkills website. This would save \$4.1 million over four years, beginning in the 2010-11 financial year.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey
Source 'Liberal Party updated list of Budget savings measures', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation
Announced Costs \$4.1 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	2.2	0.7	0.6	0.6	4.1

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Skills and Training

Pay off the Debt: Discontinue the Productivity Places Program

Details The Government has committed to discontinue the Productivity Places Program. In its announcement the Government indicated that part of these savings would be used to fund lower cost programs.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'Continuation of Budget Reply - Address to the National Press Club', Andrew Robb website, Media Statement (19/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$1,018 million (save) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	266.2	375.9	375.9	0.0	1,018.0

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Skills and Training

Pay off the Debt: Reduce funding for Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program

Details The Government has committed to reduce funding for the Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development Program by \$954 million over four years. The Program funds a range of activities that aim to enhance skills development in the Australian workforce. These include the Productivity Places Program, industry skills councils and prevocational training in trades.

Spokesperson Joe Hockey

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Australia's Future', Liberal Party website, Request for Costing (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$954 million (save) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Skills and Training

Pilot programme in surfboard manufacturing training

Details The Government has committed \$500,000 to establish on the southern Gold Coast a pilot programme to develop the first surfboard manufacturing apprenticeship.

The programme will enable surfboard-making apprenticeships to be offered through local businesses, in response to a proposal put forward by the local surfboard manufacturing industry.

Spokesperson Karen Andrews

Source 'Coalition shores up surf vote', Brisbane Times, Newspaper Report (17/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Superannuation: Consider and respond to Cooper review recommendations before the end of first term of Government

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Superannuation

Military Superannuation: Military superannuation indexation

Details The Government has committed that, from 1 July 2011, Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) and Defence Force Retirement Benefits (DFRB) scheme members aged 55 or older will have their military superannuation pensions indexed to the greater increase of either the Consumer Price Index, Male Total Average Weekly Earnings or the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Real Action: Veterans and their families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (27/06/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$98 million (spend) over the forward estimates, a further \$100 million will be invested into the Future Fund as a first step towards funding the new arrangements beyond the forward estimates.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Superannuation

Real Action on Superannuation: Consider and respond to Cooper review recommendations before the end of first term of Government

Details The Government has committed to considering and responding to Cooper review recommendations in the first term of government.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Superannuation', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (19/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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39. Territories

Refer pay parking in the Parliamentary zone to a Parliamentary inquiry

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Territories

Refer pay parking in the Parliamentary zone to a Parliamentary inquiry

Details The Government has committed to refer a proposal to introduce paid parking at a lot on the corner of Macquarie and Broughton Streets to Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories as soon as possible. On 3 August, the Canberra Times reported comments from Senator Humphries that a Coalition Government would suspend "any further conversion of free parking to pay parking until the incoming minister responsible for the ACT has the chance to fully review this situation".

Spokesperson Gary Humphries

Source 'Labor's attack on the Public Service: A new going to work tax', Senator Gary Humphries website and 'Tax set to hit free Triangle parking in days', The Canberra Times, Media Statement (02/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Tourism: Domestic Tourism Development Grants

Details The Government has committed to provide \$14 million over four years for Domestic Tourism Development Grants. Australia's Regional Tourism Organisations will be invited to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 per annum.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Tourism', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$14 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-2.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-14.0

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Real Action on Tourism: Expanding Australia's tourism research capabilities

Details The Government has committed to provide \$8 million over four years to Tourism Research Australia to expand Australia's tourism research capabilities.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$8 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-1.3	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3	-8.0

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Real Action on Tourism: Increasing business events tourism

Details The Government has committed to provide Tourism Australia with further funding of \$10.5 million over four years to increase the marketing capacity of Business Events Australia and bring Australia's business events marketing capability closer to Australia's international competitors . The Government has also committed to provide the Association of Australian Convention Bureaux with \$17.5 million over four years to operate a business events and boost fund to coordinate and support bids for key international conferences.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Tourism', Liberal Party website, Correspondence (03/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$28 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-4.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	-28.0

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Real Action on Tourism: Tourism Infrastructure and Development Fund

Details The Government has committed to provide \$40 million in grants of up to \$100,000 each to support projects that help drive the development of local tourism products and larger projects. Applications for funding will be assessed for their potential to contribute to tourism employment and growth with a particular focus on those communities reliant on tourism for economic growth.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Climate Change', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (03/08/2010)

Legislation --

Announced Costs -\$40 million (spend) over four years Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-40.0

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Bring missing in action personnel home

Details The Government has committed to supporting the Korea Veterans' Association of Australia to develop a co-operative plan to recover the remains of 45 servicemen declared Missing in Action in Korea.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Build the Montevideo Maru memorial

Details The Government has committed to provide \$100,000 in the 2011-12 Budget towards the construction of a Memorial to the people who lost their lives on the Montevideo Maru and in the Fall of Rabaul in 1942.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$0.100 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Veterans' Affairs

Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Conduct a National Service Records audit

Details The Government has committed to conduct an audit of the locations of National Service Records, including the first and second intake, with a view to having these records centrally located.

The Government will provide funding to audit locations where records are held and will develop a national archiving system to enable ease of access online to the location of the file.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Enhance family support service for defence personnel, veterans and ex-service personnel during transition from the ADF

Details

The Government has committed to develop a training and support programme for volunteer veterans and ex-service people to be available 24 hours a day, on a roster basis, to speak directly to veterans with service to discharge experience.

This programme will complement existing services such as the "We'll be there" programme provided by Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS).

Drawing together experts from a range of family support fields, the Government will also work to provide the support programs necessary for families during deployments, immediately following a deployment, and during the transition from military to civilian life.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Veterans' Affairs

Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Expanding the Building Excellence in Support and Training Programme and the Training and Information Programme

Details The Government has committed \$7.5 million in additional funding for the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) programme and the Training and Information Programme (TIP). Funds will be applied in consultation with ex-service organisations and informed by the current Review of Ex-Service Organisations Advocacy and Welfare services which is receiving submissions until 30 September 2010.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$7.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costing

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Increase recognition of veterans' widows and wives

Details The Government has committed to develop a dedicated website - 'VWWInc' - that will provide networking, information and advice to widows and wives of veterans. In addition, a national awareness campaign will be conducted, establish an annual 'Recognition Award' and erect a national memorial, to be developed in consultation with veterans' widows and wives.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Party Fact Sheet (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Increased assistance for veterans' pharmaceuticals

Details

The Government has committed to provide \$38 million over three years from 2011-12 to remove out of pocket expenses for pharmaceuticals for veterans with a disability in receipt of 50 per cent, or higher, of the General Rate of Disability Pension (including Extreme Disability Adjustment and Totally and Permanently Incapacitated) from 1 January 2012.

The Government will set the maximum number of prescriptions which require a co-contribution payment of \$5.40 to 30 and increase the pharmaceuticals allowance by \$6.00 annually to ensure that there are no out of pocket expenses for eligible veteran disability pensioners under this scheme.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$38 million (spend) Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	0.0	-0.9	-8.8	-8.5	-18.2

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Review of military compensation arrangements

Details

The Government has committed to respond to the review of the military compensation arrangements, and consult with ex-service organisations and veterans groups as part of a formal Government response.

The Government will engage in consultation with the veteran and ex-service community about the review recommendations and will ensure that the views of the ex-service community are considered as part of the implementation process.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

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Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Veterans' Affairs

Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Support an Indigenous War Widow Awareness Programme

Details The Government has committed to develop a programme to identify, contact and encourage eligible Indigenous war widows to apply for their entitlements.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Action Plan for Veterans and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Veterans' Affairs

Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Support the Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Ex-Service Matters

Details The Government has committed to support the existing Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Ex-Service Matters (PMAC) as it provides a clear link between ex-service organisations and the government.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action for Veterans and their Families: Support the centenary of the Gallipoli landings

Details The Government has committed to fully support the measures announced by the previous government in relation to the centenary of the Gallipoli landings.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action for Veterans' and their Families', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (12/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.3 million (spend). This spending was agreed by the previous Government prior to the election.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Water Conservation: Community Water Conservation Grants

Details

The Government will establish a Community Water Conservation Grants Programme, funded by an initial \$100 million. The programme will provide competitive grants to community organisations, schools, conservation groups and other applicants for projects that will contribute to the capture and reuse of stormwater.

The Programme will provide three types of grants:

- Small Grants of \$20,000 each;
- Medium Grants of \$50,000 each; and
- Flagship Grants of up to \$500,000 each.

Each grant will be allocated on the basis of greatest contribution to the health of waterways or the greatest savings of mains water per dollar of Government funding.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott
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Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Water Conservation', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (30/07/2010)
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Announced Costs	-\$100 million (spend). To be funded from unallocated funds from the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns and the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan. Coalition independant costings				
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Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on Water Conservation: Conservation targets and national standard

Details

Water Conservation Targets

The Government will task the NWC with setting Water Conservation Targets for the capture and reuse of stormwater from major cities.

The NWC will consult with the states and territories and take into account a range of factors including future water demand, infrastructure constraints, future funding opportunities and the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling when setting targets.

The support and agreement of state and territory governments to the targets will be sought through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

The Government has committed that these targets will be in place by July 2012 and will be subject to review at five yearly intervals.

The NWC will also be tasked with producing annual reports detailing progress against the targets.

National Standard

The Government will further task the NWC with the development of a new National Standard for the use of Stormwater in Potable Water Supplies, which will outline matters such as safety requirements and testing procedures.

Funding for the development of, and reporting against Water Conservation Targets and the National Standard will be met within existing resources of the National Water Commission and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on Water Conservation', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (30/07/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Assisting community adjustment

Details

The Government has committed to commissioning the Productivity Commission (PC) and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) to urgently undertake a \$1.5 million study of the economic and social impacts of the Guide to the Proposed Basin Plan (the Guide).

As part of the study, the PC and ABARE will model the impacts of the Guide, establish the opportunity cost of environmental water, provide estimates of the value of environmental water in the Basin and recommend the most effective measures to implement sustainable diversion limits while optimising economic and social considerations. The report will be provided to the Minister with responsibility for water and the Ministerial Council, for consideration.

The Government has committed to reconstituting the Basin Community Committee to give communities greater ability to provide input on the future of Basin. Additionally, the secretariat for the Committee will be moved to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA). The Committee will be provided with sufficient resources to undertake a review of the Guide, focussing on the socio-economic and community aspects (including impacts on Indigenous communities) and details of the Environmental Watering Plan. Funding for the Secretariat will be drawn from existing funds provided to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and DEWHA.

The Government has committed to providing an additional \$200 million to the Strengthening the Basin Communities program and expanding the program to allow Basin Communities to undertake activities to expand their economic and employment opportunities and create more resilient centres of commerce.

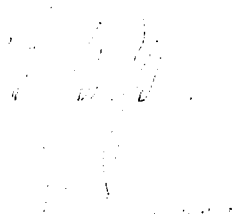
Additionally, the Government will 'bridge any gap' between water savings and sustainable diversion limits set under the Basin Plan, through further investments in water efficiency and water purchases from 2014. The Government has committed to outlining the process for these additional investments, following finalisation of the Basin Plan.

The Government has also committed to reducing the reporting requirements on irrigators through tasking the existing standard business reporting reform process to coordinate information requirements of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Bureau of Meteorology, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, DEWHA and state agencies.

This item represents the recurring expenditure, the investment component is at Commitment Number 818

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	-\$201.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Assisting community adjustment: Infrastructure

Details

The Government has committed to commissioning the Productivity Commission (PC) and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) to urgently undertake a \$1.5 million study of the economic and social impacts of the Guide to the Proposed Basin Plan (the Guide).

As part of the study, the PC and ABARE will model the impacts of the Guide, establish the opportunity cost of environmental water, provide estimates of the value of environmental water in the Basin and recommend the most effective measures to implement sustainable diversion limits while optimising economic and social considerations. The report will be provided to the Minister with responsibility for water and the Ministerial Council, for consideration.

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The Government has also committed to reducing the reporting requirements on irrigators through tasking the existing standard business reporting reform process to coordinate information requirements of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Bureau of Meteorology, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, DEWHA and state agencies.

This is the investment component, the recurring component is at Commitment Number 502

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

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Announced Costs - \$201.5 million (spend) Specified in Coalition Costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Commonwealth management of the Murray-Darling Basin

Details

The Government has committed to achieving Commonwealth management of the Murray-Darling Basin. As a last resort, if states remain unwilling to refer powers necessary for effective national management of the Basin's water resources by mid-2012, or if states fail to cooperate on the implementation of the Basin Plan or fail to deliver priority infrastructure, the Commonwealth has committed to holding a referendum to refer these powers. Any powers secured through a referendum will not be used to alter existing agreements prior to their expiry dates, particularly those arrangements concerning the transition to new sustainable diversion limits.

The Government has also committed to improving infrastructure to increase agricultural productivity, while returning water savings to restore the environmental health, economic health and human health of the Basin, once the Commonwealth has complete management of the Basin.

Spokesperson	Tony Abbott				
Source	'Coalition will right Federation wrong', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (11/08/2010)				
Legislation					
Announced Costs	Costs not announced				
Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Effective national management

Details

The Government has committed to delivering the 2007 ten point national plan for the Murray-Darling Basin, which includes investment in irrigation infrastructure, addressing over-allocation, reforming management of the Basin and establishing a taskforce to examine the potential for land and water development in northern Australia. Details of the Government's commitment to reconstitute the Northern Australia Land and Water Taskforce are included within the related commitment.

In regards to the Basin Plan, the Government has committed to releasing the draft Basin Plan (the Guide to the Proposed Basin Plan) for public consultation within two weeks of coming to office. The commitment notes that if this is not possible, the Government will release a public statements of reasons why the Guide is not being released and a timeline for its release at the earliest opportunity.

The Government has also committed to the development, finalisation and implementation of the Basin Plan (including the Environmental Watering Plan) in a considered and transparent way and without delay. Additionally, the Government has committed to establishing transparent timelines and expectations for State Government reforms. Details of the Government's commitment in relation to a referral of powers and, as a last resort, a national referendum are included within 'Real action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Commonwealth Management of the Murray-Darling Basin'.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Improving inefficient infrastructure

Details

The Government has committed to providing an additional \$300 million funding for on-farm infrastructure, to help maintain the economic base for Basin communities and maintain Australia's food production. Additionally, the Government has committed to finalising plans for the Menindee Lakes re-engineering project within 6 months and commencing the construction of the Menindee Lakes re-engineering program within 12 months. If there are any delays, the Government will publish the reason why and updated timelines. Funding of \$400 million for this project is available under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program (SRWUIP). If the project can be completed for less than \$400 million, the remaining funding will be used to assist other New South Wales communities in the Basin with achieving greater water use efficiencies.

The Government has also committed to publicly releasing timelines and targets for the delivery of all state-led State Priority Projects. The Government will ensure project proposals undergo rigorous due diligence processes prior to funding and will consider reallocating funding to other water savings projects if states fail to meet timelines and targets for delivery of projects.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$700 million (spend). Of this, \$400 million is to be funded from the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program (SRWUIP). Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Securing future water supplies

Details

The Government has committed to creating a \$500 million fund to secure Australia's future water supplies for productive purposes. The Government will appoint a panel of eminent qualified Australians to determine the most cost-effective and environmentally sustainable ways of securing and expanding Australia's long-term future water security, with a particular focus on new ways to provide water for the environment and production in the Murray-Darling, within the terms of the Basin Plan. The fund will provide seed capital for new projects to expand water supplies or water efficiency of productive industries. The fund will be established through savings from the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$500 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Strategic water buybacks

Details The Government has committed to undertaking water purchases in a way which is consistent with Guide to the Proposed Basin Plan (the Guide) and which provides greater certainty to irrigators and their communities, as well as value for money. The Government will consult more closely with irrigators and local communities in undertaking buybacks and will release new guidelines for the water buyback scheme. These changes are intended to have no net financial impact over the forward estimates.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Nil

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin: Urgent action for the Lower Lakes and Coorong

Details

The Government has committed to instructing the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder to give priority to its allocations during 2010-11 to raise the water level in Lake Alexandrina. It is estimated that more than 100GL will be available through this process. The Government has further committed to seeking additional flows through the Living Murray Initiative.

The Government will also commit \$20 million in 2010-11 for additional purchases of up to 150GL of temporary water for the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

It is estimated that with these measures, Lake Alexandrina will reach 0.5 to 0.8 Australian Height Datum (AHD). Subject to exact flows, the Government will release 100GL from Lake Alexandrina into the Coorong and Murray Mouth during 2010-11.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'The Coalition's Plan for Real Action on the Murray-Darling Basin', Liberal Party website, Policy Document (11/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$20 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Reconstitute the Northern Australia Land and Water Taskforce

Details

The Government has committed to the reform and reconstitution of the Northern Australia Land and Water Taskforce to examine all aspects of northern development including water storage.

The Taskforce will be tasked with examining sustainable development in the north and advising the government on matters including water storage and usage for food production across the whole of Northern Australia.

The purpose of the Taskforce will be to map a path for the development of Northern Australia building upon the north's competitive advantage particularly in the areas of water availability and suitable soils for extension of farming operations.

The initiative will be conducted in a well planned and economically and environmentally sustainable way.

Spokesperson	Ian Macdonald
Source	'A Coalition Government to reform and reconstitute northern taskforce', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (05/05/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -1.0 million. Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Securing water for all of Calare

Details The Government has committed to providing funding of \$3 million to undertake a study into a Macquarie Pipeline, including establishing the costs of land purchase, engineering, pumping and an environmental assessment of the pipeline.
 Additionally, the Government will provide funding of \$5.5 million to undertake a concept and design study into an expansion of Lake Rowlands.

Spokesperson John Cobb

Source 'Securing water for all of Calare', John Cobb website, Media Statement (09/08/2010)

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Announced Costs -\$8.5 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Initial Assessment

Tasmania Package: Clean up the Tamar River

Details The Government has committed to providing matched funding of \$2.5 million towards a major dredging programme of the Tamar River. The funding is conditional on matched funding from the state government for both initial and ongoing dredging efforts. The Commonwealth's commitment will be guided by the recommendations of Launceston City Council's 2009 report on siltation.

Spokesperson Eric Abetz
Source 'Liberals Launch Tasmania Package', Eric Abetz website, Media Statement (18/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$2.5 million (spend) Coalition independent costings

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Water weed harvester for Hinkler

Details The Government has committed to provide \$180,000 to fund the purchase of an aquatic weed harvester to help clear the Bundaberg region's waterways.

Spokesperson Barnaby Joyce

Source 'Water weed harvester for Hinkler', News Mail, Newspaper Report (15/08/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs -\$0.18 million (spend)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide

Details

The Government has committed to providing \$16.5 million towards the commencement of a 'Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide' project to harvest stormwater from the Torrens River.

Stormwater will be stored in underground aquifers before distribution through Adelaide's eastern suburbs.

The Government will work with Norwood, Burnside, Campbelltown, St Peters, Tea Tree Gully and Town of Walkerville Councils. However, funding for the project will not be conditional on state government support.

Spokesperson Barnaby Joyce

Source 'Coalition to make Adelaide water project a reality', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (30/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs - \$16.5 million (spend). Coalition independent costing.

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Pay off the Debt: Recover the full costs of industrial elections from the unions

Details The Government has committed to require trade unions to pay the AEC the full cost of conducting their elections, rather than relying on taxpayers to subsidise them. This commitment would be implemented through amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 rather than amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Further Budget Savings, Further Pressure off Interest Rates', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (20/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs \$25.4 million (save). Note: text of attachment to press release indicates \$24.1 million (save)

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Statement on Workplace Relations: No changes to the Fair Work Act 2009

Details The Government has committed not to make changes to the Fair Work Act in this term.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Statement on Workplace Relations', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (17/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Statement on Workplace Relations: Retaining Fair Work System institutions

Details The Government has committed to retaining Fair Work Australia and the Fair Work Ombudsman. The Government will also retain the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC). The Commitment to retain the ABCC was re-emphasised in the Government's Housing Policy.

Spokesperson Tony Abbott

Source 'Statement on Workplace Relations', Liberal Party website, Media Statement (17/07/2010)

Legislation

Announced Costs Costs not announced

Charter Costs \$m	2010-11 \$m	2011-12 \$m	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	Total \$m (4 yrs)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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