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To: [Patterson, Cath](#)
Subject: FW: Department of Finance Daily Briefing Wednesday 9 February 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 6:06:12 AM

s 22 [REDACTED] the source under the charts in the second article says Department of Finance

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To: [Patterson, Cath](#)
Subject: RE: Starting Options for RH plus HIB from 2019 when this happened last time to us [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 9:42:00 AM
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Yes that works

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From: Patterson, Cath <Cath.Patterson@finance.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 9:41 AM
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Thanks

I think we should go with a variant of Option 2

Suggested text below – let me know what you think and I will send to Rosemary

Option 2: The Tables attributed to the Department of Finance in the article [Labor Covid policies an extra \\$81bn hit: Finance Minister](#) published in The Australian on 9 February 2022 were not prepared or supplied by the Department of Finance. At the request of the Office of the Minister for Finance, The Australian has corrected the attribution.

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Option 2: The Tables attributed to the Department of Finance in the article [Labor Covid policies an extra \\$81bn hit: Finance Minister](#) published in The Australian were not prepared or supplied by the Department of Finance. The Finance Minister's office have asked the Australian to correct the attribution.

The Department of Finance cost a variety of policies and undertakes analysis at the request of the Government to inform the policy deliberations of government.. We have been regularly asked by governments over many years to undertake costings on policies and to provide analysis and we have done this.



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Thanks – agree hold now that correction has been made.
HIB is being prepared now and we will use text as per below.
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Rosemary

We have drawn from your comments at Estimates previously, a HIB prepared previously (attached) and noted the language used in previous statements provided in the past on costing issues

Happy to amend/expand as needed.

Cath

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Australian Government
Secretary to The Treasury

12 April 2019

The Hon Chris Bowen MP
Shadow Treasurer and
Member for McMahon
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bowen

I write to you in response to your letter and phone call earlier this morning regarding media reports of Treasury analysis of Opposition policies. I have investigated the circumstances surrounding your concerns and am able to reassure you that no breach of conduct or impartiality has occurred.

In the specific case to which you have referred, Treasury received requests from the Treasurer's Office outlining a number of policies to be costed with details and specifications also provided. The specifications provided made no reference to the Opposition. The relevant officials costed these proposals and provided this analysis to the Treasurer's Office prior to the commencement of the caretaker period. In providing specific costings to the Government at its request, Treasury advised that they were all costed on a standalone basis but with interactions between the individual proposals not taken into account. For this reason we did not provide a total.

As a former Treasury Secretary observed in a letter made [public](#) on 7 November 2012 to respond to similar concerns, Treasury serves the Australian people through the Government of the day. In keeping with that responsibility, we have been regularly asked by governments over many years to undertake costings on policies and proposals. As I submitted earlier this year at the Senate Estimates Economics hearing of 20 February 2019, if a government makes a lawful request of Treasury for information, we will generally seek to do what the government has asked us. We were not asked to cost another party's policies and would not do so if the request was made specifically to 'cost Party X's policy'.

In this engagement, as in previous instances of concern highlighted by elected representatives from both sides of politics, the Treasury has conducted itself to the highest standard and in the same manner as when requests were made by previous governments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Gaetjens'.

Philip Gaetjens



Australian Government

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The Treasury

MEDIA RELEASE

**STATEMENT ON COSTINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND DEREGULATION**

There have been a series of reports today regarding costings undertaken by the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The Departments of Treasury and Finance were asked to prepare costings on policy options, which were provided to the Departments by the Government prior to the election being called. These costings were completed and submitted to the Government prior to the election being called. This is consistent with long-standing practice.

These costings were not prepared under the election costings commitments' process outlined in the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*.

At no stage prior to the Caretaker period has either Department costed Opposition policies.

Different costing assumptions, such as the start date of a policy, take up assumptions, indexation and the coverage that applies, will inevitably generate different financial outcomes.

The financial implications of a policy may also differ depending on whether the costing is presented on an underlying cash balance or fiscal balance basis.

The Treasury and Finance costings presented in the advice to Government reported today were presented on an underlying cash balance basis.

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Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 10:29:09 AM
Attachments: [220209 - media clippings.pdf](#)

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Hi s 22

Sending a pdf copy re what was printed as Amanda and Cath have said the tables have been removed from the online version now.

Amanda has also confirmed we're doing a SEC Fact Sheet (rather than HIB).

Thanks

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Subject: RE: ALP costings [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Thanks s 22

Had seen the piece in the Australian, but hadn't appreciated that the costings would be attributed to Finance. Very grateful for a copy of the brief once prepared.

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Anna

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Hi Geoff & Anna

Just a heads up. The Office have provided some costings of ALP proposals to the Australian (and are proposing to release today) that have been attributed to Finance. These include JobKeeper numbers. To the best of my knowledge, we have not costed these items s 22



BAB is pulling together a HIB on the issue. The article is at

the link below

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Regards

Anne

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From: Rudnicki, Elicia
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Cc:
Subject: From E - RE: For ER - Sec Only Factsheet - costings of non-government policy [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 12:42:29 PM

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Great work s 22. Very minor edits, and for ease, have snipped the pdf of the article into the body of the Fact Sheet.

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Elicia

Please find below a link to the draft Sec only factsheet on the article.

[Secretary Only Factsheet - costing Opposition Proposals](#)

We have picked up as much of the previous language as possible.

Thanks

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Subject: DUE: 5pm WED 9/02 - For Clearance - Secretary Only Factsheet - Costing Non-Government Policies [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Deputy Secretary	3pm 09/02	5pm 09/02
Final due	5pm 07/02	

Hi s 22,

Please see attached the late request for a Secretary Only Factsheet on costing non-government policies. This stems from the article in the Australian this morning.

Given these were to be finalised on Monday we've asked that Cath look at this as soon as possible, we're sorry for the tight turn around on it.

Thanks

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Key facts, figures or metrics

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Key points

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Background

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Thank you

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Hi Amanda,

For your review the Sec only fact sheet.

[Secretary Only factsheet - Costing of non-government proposals](#)

Thanks

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Cleared with edits and request for an Attachment A (which is Hansard excerpt from May 2018)
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Hi Cath

Please find attached the Secretary Factsheet on Costing Opposition Proposals for your urgent clearance.

The team is seeking your clearance by 5pm today.

Thank you,

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Hi s 22

Cath has cleared this with edits and requests for an Attachment (which is Hansard excerpt from May 2018) as the Secretary in that estimates had previously responded to questions as to whether the Department costs Labor policies.

Thank you,

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Hi Secretary Exec Team and BFR Exec Team,

Please find attached the cleared Secretary Only Factsheet for Costing Non-Government Policies. This has been loaded into the Executive Management Portal.

Thanks

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