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RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS

The Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) has been asked to cost the following election commitments, under the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*:

- Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace: The Key to Jobs
- Dementia - A National Health Priority
- Extra Assistance for Families
- Supporting and Protecting Independent Contractors
- Sustaining our Farm Lands
- Stronger Border Protection

With regard to the *Extra Assistance for Families* election commitment, I advise that as this costing contains both revenue and expenses aspects, and consistent with the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*, it will be jointly costed by myself and Dr Ken Henry, Secretary to the Treasury.


A further media release will be issued when the costings have been completed.

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