

1 2016 Cost Recovery Impact Statement (CRIS)

The process AFMA is following for developing and finalising the CRIS 2016 model is below. After these steps are completed, AFMA can then use it for cost recovery for the 2016/17 financial year.

Initial draft CRIS Development (Jul 2014-Nov 2015)

- This is about reviewing AFMA's cost-recovery model against new government policy (Cost Recovery Guidelines 2014)
- AFMA reviewed its activities and how those activities should be cost recovered

CRIS 15/16 consultation (Nov to Dec 2015)

- This is to provide stakeholders an opportunity to discuss changes in the model
- AFMA will consult with all concession holders, MACS, RAGs and industry associations
- This is comparing the costs from the 2010 CRIS model for 2015/16 to the new proposed model using the applicable government policies
- Changes to the government policy means that it is likely that more costs will be recovered from the fishing industry
- AFMA is striving to keep any increases to no more than 10% in total when compared to the current cost recovery arrangements

CRIS 2016/17 Finalisation (Jan-Feb 2016)

- Review feedback from consultation
- Make any necessary adjustments
- AFMA will seek approval from the Minister for Agriculture for the new 2016 CRIS model

Subject to the approval of the new CRIS 2016 model, AFMA will develop the cost-recovered fishery budgets for 2016/17. The steps AFMA follows in determining the budget is below:

Develop draft budget (Mar/Apr 2016)

- This will include any changes in activities between 2015-16 and 2016-17
- This means that the costs consulted on with the draft 2016 CRIS will be different from the draft 2016-17 budget
- Perform Regulatory Charging Risk Assessment * , if appropriate
- AFMA will consult on proposed costs for the 2016/17 year with MACs and industry associations

Budget 2016/17 Announced (May 2016)

- The government will announce government funding for AFMA, including any adjustments

Finalise Budget (July 2016)

- Final costings and any flow-on effects to planned projects or activities are incorporated in the 2016/17 budget

Levy Regulations Determined by Minister (Dec 2016)

- The Minister approves and then tables the levy charges in parliament

AFMA to invoice new levies (Jan 2017)

- AFMA allows fishers to pay in installments
- The first payment due in February 2017

* The Regulatory Charging Risk Assessment produces a risk rating, which determines whether the Cost Recovery Implementation Statement needs to be agreed for release by the Finance Minister. The CRA is also used to assess changes to regulatory charging activities to help determine whether they need to be agreed by the Government.