ATTACHMENT B

Possible Policy Announcements to mark the significance of National Reconciliation Week (NRW)

Proposed Activity	Rationale	Departmental Position	Cost	Timeframe	PM/PMO Comments
1. A formal motion and/or a Ministerial Statement to the Parliament to advance reconciliation and reflect on where Australia as a nation has been over the last fifty years and where as a nation we want to be in fifty years from now, similar to what was undertaken for the National Apology.	Given the significance of the two anniversaries during NRW 2017, a 'nation defining statement' in Parliament could be delivered by the PM outlining the historical significance and relevance of these two dates, the progress that has been made as a nation since these two events, and what opportunities behold a truly reconciled Australia. There are two alternative approaches: • The Prime Minister could make a Ministerial Statement about the significance of the 67 referendum and Mabo high court decision and what legacy that has created in Australia. The statement could also then talk about progress since both of the significant decisions and where that can lead us as a more unified and reconciled country. This approach would ensure the Statement goes to the Federation chamber for debate but is not required to come back to the HoRs to be agreed. • The PM moves a Motion on the same subject. This approach would expect	Strongly Support: This has the potential to be another defining moment in Indigenous affairs. Bipartisan support could be expected and would send a strong message from the Parliament. Early consultations with Government Division (PM&C) have begun.	Nil	NRW	Agreed Not Agreed