

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Full-time Coroner
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA
Date of request:	30 September 2020
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will employ a full-time Coroner.
Issue the proposal will address:	This will relieve the workload currently undertaken by a magistrate.

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

Note: The costing will be developed on the basis of information and assumptions provided in the costing request. The professional judgment of the Under Treasurer will determine whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the proposal.

The ACT Government will appoint a full time Coroner. The Coroner will be paid the same as an ACT magistrate. A Magistrate is entitled to remuneration of \$371,546 p.a., per [Determination 8 of 2020](#).

The Coroner will be supported with an associate. The Coroner will be assisted by an Associate Level 3, FTE salary is \$82,506 p.a. at 10 June 2021 under the [Legal Professionals Enterprise Agreement 2018-2021](#).

Both the new Coroner and Associate will commence on 1 July 2021, and the worker's compensation rate is assumed to be 2.24%. Additional administrative and resourcing costs will be absorbed by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Courts.

What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this proposal and estimated costs each year (if available)?

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)					
Expenses ^(a)		-585.7	-597.2	-609.0	-1791.9
Capital					
Depreciation					

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses. The expenses row does not include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal?

The salary cost of the Coroner has been calculated based on Remuneration Tribunal's

[Determination 8 of 2020.](#)

The salary cost of the Coroner's Associate has been based [Legal Professionals Enterprise Agreement 2018-2021](#).

On costs have been calculated using 2020-21 to 2023-24 Average Salary Costing Template from ACT Treasury.

Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?

N/A

Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the proposal? Does the proposal provide additional funding to, or redirect, any existing Commonwealth/State or Territory funding arrangements?

N/A

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

Yes. WPI for salary and salary on-costs; CPI for administrative on-costs.

Who will administer the proposal?

Justice and Community Safety Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

The Justice and Community Safety Directorate will assist in the hiring of the Coroner and Associate, and will provide supporting resources.

Is the proposal part of a broader package?

This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals Policy on Law and Order.

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?

- If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

The Justice and Community Safety Directorate will absorb the administrative and hiring costs associated with this proposal.

Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?

No.

Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? Will a copy of this material, including any assumptions, be made available to Treasury?

No.

What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?

A dedicated Coroner will alleviate assist in alleviating pressures on existing Magistrates and improve coronial processes.

Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?

No.

What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?

A full-time Coroner and Associate are expected to commence on 1 July 2021.

When is the proposal expected to be fully operational? Please provide details such as the start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc.

1 July 2021.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

Proposal is ongoing.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.