

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Supporting non-government schools
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA
Date of request:	12 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	<p>A re-elected Labor Government will provide infrastructure grants to non-government schools, allocated on an equitable basis.</p> <p>We will also provide grants to parent associations of non-government schools.</p>
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>Non-government schools provide parents with the option to choose a school aligned with their religious or cultural convictions.</p> <p>Infrastructure grants will support non-government schools to provide improved learning environments for their students.</p> <p>Grants for parent associations of non-government schools will assist parents to be better engaged in their school community.</p>

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.

Assumptions:

- Non-government school infrastructure grants is broadly based on continuation of the existing initiative, which is a \$15 million funding allocation.
- Non-government school parent association grants are costed as proportionate of the equivalent grant allocation for government school parent associations.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-government school infrastructure grants	-	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	15,000
Non-government school parent association grants	250	250	-	-	-	500

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	2024-25	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)						
Expenses^(a)	-250	-4,000	-3,750	-3,750	-3,750	-15,500
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?

No

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

Capped

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?

No

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No

Who will administer the proposal?

ACT Education Directorate in consultation with the ACT Block Grant Authority

How will the proposal be administered?

The ACT Block Grant Authority will administer the infrastructure grants, which will be awarded on an equitable, needs-basis.

The ACT Education Directorate will administer parent association grants, as with the similar grants scheme for government school parent associations.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes. This proposal is part of ACT Labor’s broader education policy announcements. This proposal is independent of other proposals.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
No – administrative costs will be absorbed by the ACT Education Directorate.
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?
<p>Non-government school students and staff will have access to improved learning environments.</p> <p>Non-government school parents and carers will have improved support to participate in the life of their school and contribute to decisions about the education of their children.</p>
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
N/A
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
From 1 January 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.
2021-22

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

The proposal is funded to 2024-25

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No