

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Chronic care navigators and improving health literacy
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	07/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	Provide funding to the Health Care Consumers' Association of the ACT to: 1) develop and deliver health literacy programs; and 2) develop a model for patient care navigators to work with peoples who have chronic health conditions.
Issue the proposal will address:	This proposal will help patients better understand services available in the health system and help patients with chronic health conditions get the care they need.

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.

This proposal will provide funding to the Health Care Consumers' Association of the ACT as follows:

- \$500,000 (\$250,000 per annum in 2017-18 and 2018-19) to develop and deliver health literacy programs. These programs will help patients understand the different health services available, to help patients make better decisions about how to access care; and
- \$100,000 in 2017-18 to develop a model for patient care navigators. Patient navigators will be staff who can work with persons who have a chronic health condition, to provide support and information to patients. They will also provide a better understanding of any gaps/ duplications in the health system.

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)?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)					
Expenses ^(a)		-350	-250		-600
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 (for example, does an education proposal add to or redirect NERA funding)?
Yes – the funding will be provided to the HCCA ACT.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
Health Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
Health Directorate will engage with the HCCA ACT on the development of the programs noted above.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes – ACT Labor’s community health package.
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 Health Directorate can administer the funding to HCCA ACT through existing resources, in line with the current service funding agreement between HCCA ACT and the Health 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?
The community will benefit from greater information about the services available in the health system and greater information about accessing care for chronic health conditions.
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?
1 July 2017.
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 2017.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The funding will be allocated to the HCCA ACT as per the figures in the costing table above.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.