

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of policy proposal:</b>	Improving Mental Health Services (23 September 2016)
<b>Person requesting costing:</b>	Alistair Coe MLA, Shadow Treasurer
<b>Date of request:</b>	10 October 2016
<b>Summary of proposal:</b>	The Canberra Liberals will boost funding for mental health in the ACT by establishing Youth Mental Health Community Grants for early intervention activities and increasing funding for ward persons.
<b>Issue the proposal will address:</b>	Increase support for early intervention and to provide a safer work environment for staff at our mental health facilities.

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

**Note:** The costing will 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.

Costing assumptions are:

- A flat amount of \$125,000 will be provided each year for Early Intervention Youth Mental Health Community Grants.
- An additional 7 ward persons will be funded for the Secure Mental Health Facility and the Adult Mental Health Unit.
- The wards person salaries have been calculated using a HP1 salary band with associated leave, administration and worker's compensation on costs.
- An overtime and allowance provision of 15% has been included.
- Salaries have been indexed at 2.5% over the forwards as per Treasury advice.
- The announced \$3.5 million includes funding in 2020-21.
- Costs have been rounded up to the nearest \$5,000.

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
<b>Revenue</b> <sup>(a)</sup>					
<b>Expenses</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	0	-900	-920	-940	-2,760
<b>Capital</b>					
<b>Depreciation</b>					

(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).

No.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

Yes. Funding for salaries has been indexed at 2.5% as per Treasury advice.

Who will administer the proposal?

The Health Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

The Health Directorate will be responsible for the recruitment and allocation of the additional wards persons between the Secure Mental Health Facility and the Adult Mental Health Unit on a needs basis. The Directorate will also be responsible for administering the grants program.

Is the proposal part of a broader package?

No.

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.

No. Implementation of the proposal will be met from within existing resources.

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?

Community impacts are expected to be positive from increased support in the mental health space, particularly from early intervention.

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 proposal is ongoing.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.