

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Emergency Department Boost
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA
Date of request:	13 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	Funding boost to increase capacity of the Canberra Hospital's emergency department to help halve waiting times
Issue the proposal will address:	Address strain on emergency department waiting lists

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.

- [Table 12A.13](#) of the Report on Government Services 2020 shows that the ACT has the worst emergency department waiting times in the country.
- The Canberra Hospital's emergency department performance is significantly worse than that of our other public emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.
- The Canberra Liberals will increase the capacity of the Canberra Hospital's emergency department with a \$22.5m boost in funding.
- The funding will provide Canberra Health Services and the emergency department team with additional resources that can be used to increase bed capacity, more staff, better training, patient navigation and improved patient flow.
 - 20-21: \$1.5m
 - 21-22: \$7m
 - 22-23: \$7m
 - 23-24: \$7m

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)	-1,500	-7,000	-7,000	-7,000	-22,500
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?
These additional funds are capped and will be in addition to the base funding for health and the emergency department which will continue to increase.
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 Health Directorate/Canberra Health Services
How will the proposal be administered?
Through the ACT Health Directorate/Canberra Health Services
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes - the Canberra Liberals' plan for Better Access to Healthcare
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
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?
N/A

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?
This proposal will improve the emergency department for the tens of thousands of people who rely on it each and every year.
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 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.
1 July 2021
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
30 June 2024. Further funding boosts will be considered at this time, as SPIRE will be coming online around then.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No