

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| <b>Name of policy proposal:</b>  | <b>Office for Mental Health</b>   |
| Person requesting costing:       | Shane Rattenbury MLA  |
| Date of request:                 | 20 September 2016   |
| Summary of proposal:             | The creation of a new Office for Mental Health to provide independent advice to the community and governments on the efficacy of mental health services in the ACT. |
| Issue the proposal will address: | Proposal will address gaps in service delivery by providing information to government and the community about emerging challenges in mental health services.        |

### 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.

Assumption that the office would be located within existing ACT Government business space, accommodating a total of four paid staff, including the Chief Officer for Mental Health, a Senior Officer and two Administration/Research Officers.

The Office for Mental Health would have a budget for administration and on-costs not dissimilar to the costs incurred per Commissioner in the ACT Human Rights Commission (i.e. on a 'per Commissioner basis' as a proportion of the total expenses incurred by the Human Rights Commission).

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<sup>(a)</sup></b>  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0             |
| <b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b> | 0       | -1,290  | -1,679  | -1,728  | <b>-4,697</b> |
| <b>Capital</b>                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0             |
| <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?

ACT Remuneration Tribunal Determination (2016) to determine Chief Officer for Mental Health's wage, noting that they would likely be paid at a higher level than a SOG A (Discrimination, Health Services, Disability and Community Services Commissioner) - based on Determination 4 of 2016 – Full-Time Statutory Office Holders, by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal.

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

Demand driven (ongoing).

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. This has been accounted for.

Who will administer the proposal?

ACT Health Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

Funding allocated to the Directorate to establish a new Office for Mental Health within existing office space.

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.

An allowance for staffing has been made as a part of the costs to establish the Office.

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?

Improved mental health service provision by addressing service gaps and assessing future challenges.

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?

2017-18

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?

2017-18

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

No.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

N/A