

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Building Safer Communities - Continuing and expanding justice reinvestment programs
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	12 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	As part of a broader Building Safer Communities initiative, this proposal is to continue funding and expanding justice reinvestment programs with a \$20 million investment over four years. Further information https://greens.org.au/act/building-safer-communities.
Issue the proposal will address:	Supporting people, and preventing the drivers of crime, which are often complex health, social and economic factors, is better achieved in the community than inside prison. To ensure equality before the law, the justice system must be responsive to those experiencing disadvantage and prejudice, acknowledging that many people who engage in offending behavior have at some point been victims of crimes and subjected to trauma themselves.

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 funding is capped, and administration of the programs will continue to be met through existing resources.

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)	-2,000	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000	-20,000
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?
Not identified for the purpose of this costing, however Commonwealth funding could be sought to expand program.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
Staff costs incorporate indexation.
Who will administer the proposal?
This will be administered by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The items in the proposal will be managed in line with existing practices.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes: Building Safer Communities https://greens.org.au/act/building-safer-communities . Other elements will be costed separately.
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. The government agencies be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal.
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?
Yes, over time. The investment in reducing recidivism is designed to reduce the costs of the criminal justice system, including AMC costs. JACS have undertaken cost modelling work to underpin this proposition.
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 broad Building Safer Communities package is designed to improve community safety for Canberrans, reduce offending and reoffending/recidivism, and increase support to vulnerable Canberrans.
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?
Early 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.
It is intended that all aspects of the proposal will be formally commenced by July 2021, and continue for the term of the next Assembly.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
June 2024
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
The broad Building Safer Communities package builds on the existing work and funded programs of Justice and Community Safety Directorate, such as “Reducing Recidivism by 25% by 2025”, “Justice Reinvestment”, and “Building Communities, Not Prisons”.