

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| Name of policy proposal: | Re-establish the Independence of the Planning Authority |
| Person requesting costing: | Shane Rattenbury MLA |
| Date of request: | 3 October 2016 |
| Summary of proposal: | Proposal relates to additional staff resources to support the restructuring of the Planning Authority to re-assert its Independence. |
| Issue the proposal will address: | <p>There is a conflict of interest, either real and/or perceived, that the ACT Government's Land Development Agency has taken on more of a planning function outside of the guidance of the ACT Planning Authority.</p> <p>A restructure of the Planning Authority is required to ensure that strategic planning takes precedence over land development.</p> |

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.

Dollar limited commitment. Costs assume that the planning, implementation and evaluation of the restructure of the Planning Authority would take no more than 12 months to complete.

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) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenses^(a) | -140 | -145 | 0 | 0 | -285 |
| Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(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.

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| Will funding/the cost require indexation? |
| Factored into capped amount. |
| Who will administer the proposal? |
| To be administered under the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate. |
| How will the proposal be administered? |
| Funding allocated to the Budget of the relevant Directorate. |
| Is the proposal part of a broader package? |
| No. |
| Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions. |
| Costs cover staff for a 12 month period, beginning 1 January 2017 and expiring 31 December 2017. Costs cover 1 x Senior Officer (SOG A), and 1 x Supporting Officer (ASO 5). |
| The Directorate would need to absorb additional expenses should the review and restructure take longer than anticipated above. |
| 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? |
| Structural improvements to the Planning Authority are anticipated as a result of this proposal. |
| 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? |
| 2016-17 |
| 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? |
| 2016-17 |
| Will the proposal cease, and if so, when? |
| 2017-18 |
| Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal? |
| No. |