

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	<i>Helping older Canberrans to age in place</i>
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	5 October 2016
Summary of proposal:	The ACT Greens will commit to helping more Homeshare arrangements for older Canberrans by 1) funding a position in a non-government service provider to broker homeshare arrangements for older Canberrans, and 2) provide funding for small scale capital upgrades (hand rails, ramps etc) to improve dwelling liveability.
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>Homeshare is an innovative way to support people with particular needs to live in their own home and gain personal or social support from a co-tenant, or to move into another person's home as a co-tenant themselves.</p> <p>This proposal would provide a link between people who may be struggling to live alone, and socially-conscious renters. Rental arrangements would be brokered by the link person.</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.

Funding proposal would support the recruitment of a position equivalent to 1 x ASO 5 (FTE) plus on-costs, plus the costs of vehicle hire.

Capital costs include finance costs, and depreciation of capital assets has been factored in over 20 years (straight line). A business case has not been deemed as a requirement given the small nature of the capital (hand rails, etc).

Maintenance costs have been determined as 1% in the first year after construction, and 2% every year after that.

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)	-0	-122	-127	-133	-382
Capital	-0	-100	-100	-100	-300
Depreciation	-0	-0	-5	-10	-10

(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?
This commitment is 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?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
Community Services Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The Directorate to provide funding to a non-government provider.
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 associated with the managing the grant agreement will need to be absorbed by the Directorate.
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?
Working towards improving home sharing arrangements for older residents in Canberra.
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?

2019-20

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

The take up of the program is difficult to assess. A capped allowance of \$300,000 has been determined for the purchasing and fitting of small-scale capital upgrades over the forward years. A desktop review by the Directorate, with support from the non-government provider, will need to be conducted at the end of 2019-20 to determine likely demand to ensure that the capital commitment is sufficient. In the short-term, the allocation of capital will need to be determined on a needs basis.