

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Bulk billing grants
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	07/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	This proposal will provide \$1.05 million in funding to facilitate the construction of new bulk-billing general medical practices.
Issue the proposal will address:	Boosting the number of bulk-billing doctors in Canberra.

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 proposal will provide up to \$1.05 million, through a competitive grants process, for the construction/expansion/refurbishment of three health facilities that provide bulk-billed GP services. To be eligible for the grants the service must deliver bulk-billing GP services.

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)					
Expenses ^(a)		-1,050.0			-1,050.0
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 (for example, does an education proposal add to or redirect NERA funding)?

Yes – funding will be provided to build/expand/refurbish centres that provide bulk-billing GP services.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No.
Who will administer the proposal?
Health Directorate
How will the proposal be administered?
Through the Health Directorate.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
ACT Labor's community health package.
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.
The Health Directorate will administer the grants from existing resources.
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?
The community will benefit from greater access to bulk-billing GPs.
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 July 2017.
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 2017.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The funding will be available during 2017-18.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.