

2020 Election Commitment – Canberra Liberals

Name of Commitment:	Better Infrastructure – Toxic material urgent assessment
	Reference Number: LIB002
Request Submitted by:	Alistair Coe MLA, Canberra Liberals
Date Request Received:	30-Sep-20
Additional Information Requested (details and date)	N/A
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Financial Implications					
Impact On:	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenues ^(a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenses ^{(a)(b)}	-690.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-690.0
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Other Expenses	-690.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-690.0
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Operating Balance	-690.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-690.0
Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Surplus/Deficit	-690.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-690.0

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.
(b) Excludes depreciation

Other Information
Costing Methodology Used:
- Costing Technique:
The funding is for a fixed level of \$690,000 in 2020-21 to assess whether there are toxic materials at 69 ACT public schools, including lead, mould and asbestos. The removal of toxic materials identified in schools would be prioritised from additional maintenance funding provided (see LIB001: <i>Better Infrastructure - \$15 million school maintenance boost</i>). Treasury has benchmarked the reasonableness of the proposed costs against ACT Government Property Group estimates of school asbestos site management assessment costs.
- Proposal Parameters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costing request assumes a maximum of \$10,000 per school would be spent assessing the presence of toxic materials. • The costing request assumes that the administrative and procurement expenses associated with this initiative would be absorbed by the Education Directorate and schools.
Caveats or qualifications to the costing:
The toxic material identification assessment cost could exceed \$10,000 in some cases, especially in the case of older and larger schools, but an average cost of \$10,000 per school is considered reasonable.
Other Comments:
This costing only includes the 'Conduct an urgent assessment of ACT Government school infrastructure to identify and safely remove toxic material' element of the Canberra Liberal's election announcement - <i>Deliver Better Education Outcomes</i> .
- Statistical Data Used:
Treasury estimates.



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