

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Early Learning – Funding for ACT Playgroups
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA
Date of request:	13 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will support ACT Playgroups in delivering a number of initiatives that benefit more than 1,000 parents, children and older Canberrans.
Issue the proposal will address:	The funding will support a roll-out of Paint and Playgroup sessions in ACT primary schools; more early intervention and family support groups to help children with special needs; and to ensure new playgroup communities can be built in growth suburbs.

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.

The ACT Government will provide ACT Playgroups with \$200,000 in funding each year. The funding will support a roll-out of Paint and Playgroup sessions in ACT primary schools; more early intervention and family support groups to help children with special needs; and to ensure new playgroup communities can be built in growth suburbs.

The \$200,000 per annum is a capped amount.

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)	-100.0	-200.0	-200.0	-200.0	-700.0
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?
This proposal is based on ACT Playgroups submission to the 2020-21 ACT Budget Process .
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?
Capped amount.
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?
Funding is being provided to ACT Playgroups to deliver the programs.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
The proposal will be administered by the Education Directorate
How will the proposal be administered?
The funding will be administered by the Education Directorate. ACT Playgroups will directly deliver the programs.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals Policy on Early Learning.
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.
The Education Directorate will absorb the administrative and planning costs associated with this proposal.
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?
The funding is based on ACT Playgroups costing for their programs. It is available here .
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
This proposal will provide funding for an intergenerational playgroup program, more early-entry playgroups, a support program for families with children with additional needs, and improved facilities at Ainslie Gardens.
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 January 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.

The grant will be provided each year.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

The proposal is ongoing.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.