

2012 Policy Commitment - Canberra Liberals

Election Commitment:

Name of Commitment: Establish the ACT's First Autism School

Reference No: LIB020

Cost Request Submitted by:¹ Zed Seselja MLA, Canberra Liberals Leader

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Additional Information Requested (including date): Additional information was requested on 15/10/2012

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Financial Implications:

Impact On:	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
Revenues ^(a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0
Expenses ^(a)	-225.3	-1,300.8	-1,392.6	-1,485.7	*	-4,404.3
Net Operating Balance	-225.3	-1,300.8	-1,392.6	-1,485.7	*	-4,404.3
Capital Requirement	-5,300.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	-5,300.0
Cash Surplus/Deficit	-5,525.3	-1,194.8	-1,286.6	-1,379.7	*	-9,386.3

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses

Other Information:

Caveats or qualifications to the costing:

The commitment is for a new autistic specific school on existing land owned by the Territory. The costing for the school component is based on 40 students with autism. The school will be managed by the AEIOU Foundation under a long-term lease arrangement.

Other Comments:

n/a

Costing Methodology Used:

- Costing Technique:

The variance in the Treasury costing from the announced cost is due to a higher capital estimate, the associated cost of funds and the inclusion of maintenance and depreciation. Treasury estimates, taking into account costs associated with constructing new schools, that the cost of the facility would be higher than indicated in the announced commitment. Under the Early Childhood and Care Quality Framework, there are specific capital requirements for education facilities for children aged under four years. These add to the capital costs.

Treasury notes that while the costing request relates to 40 children, the supporting documentation refers to costs for only 20 children.

- Policy Parameters:

n/a

Statistical Data Used:

n/a



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