

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	<i>Additional funding for OneLink to respond to emergency after-hours referrals</i>
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	5 October 2016
Summary of proposal:	The ACT Greens will provide an additional \$100,000 to support after-hours referrals at OneLink.
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>The ACT Government recently created OneLink – a new, single point of contact for access to all human services in the ACT. While the ACT Greens are supportive of OneLink, we are also concerned that their hours of operation are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>We know that homelessness and crisis does not follow business hours, and that is why the ACT Greens would provide additional funding for one year to cover additional hours in the evening and on the weekends).</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.

A one-off additional investment of \$100,000 (dollar limited), over two financial years, to support additional work hours for some staff to cover peak emergency periods (e.g. Friday and Saturday evenings, etc). Funding would be reviewed after 2017-18.

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)	-50	-50	-0	-0	-100
Capital	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0
Depreciation	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0

(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 funding.

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?

As the funding commitment is limited, the Community Services Directorate will need to make determinations on what peak periods should be covered, including the hours of operation per shift.

Is the proposal part of a broader package?

No.

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.

Yes.

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?

Better support for vulnerable people in our community.

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?

Funding to begin from 2016-17

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?

2016-17

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

2017-18, with a review to be conducted by the Directorate once funding has been exhausted. If there is take-up of the service during this time, the ACT Greens would like to see funding allocated to support the after-hours referrals ongoing.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.