

## 2012 Policy Commitment - ACT Labor

### Election Commitment:

**Name of Commitment:** More Staff More Services in Mental Health - Secure Beds

Reference No: LAB115

**Cost Request Submitted by:**<sup>1</sup> Katy Gallagher MLA, ACT Labor Party Leader

**Date Request Received:** 15-Oct-12

**Date of Public Release:** 30-Sep-12

**Additional Information Requested (including date):** Additional information about unit costs or staffing profile, allowances for security and administration costs, and capital assumptions was requested on 15/10/2012.

**Additional Information Received (including date):** 16/10/2012

### Financial Implications:

Impact On:	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4,440.0	-4,573.0	-9,013.0
<b>Net Operating Balance</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-4,440.0</b>	<b>-4,573.0</b>	<b>-9,013.0</b>
<b>Capital Requirement</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Cash Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-4,440.0</b>	<b>-4,573.0</b>	<b>-9,013.0</b>

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

### Other Information:

#### Caveats or qualifications to the costing:

That the commitment only relates to the secure beds component of the *ACT Labor to invest \$30 million for more staff, more services in mental health* policy announcement.

Treasury notes this is an initial funding commitment and subject to variation as the final model of care for this facility is yet to be determined and the facility is yet to be constructed.

Treasury understands that the construction budget has not been identified but a provision has been made within the Health Infrastructure Program. ACT Labor has advised the capital costs will be determined through detailed design work.

#### Other Comments:

n/a

#### Costing Methodology Used:

##### - Costing Technique:

The announced cost was assessed by applying the salary rates to the supplied staffing split. Treasury understands that the proposed budget is designed to start the service with full operational costs to be determined following the finalisation of the model of care.

Treasury considers, based on the supplied staffing split, that the announced cost would be unlikely to allow the facility to operate at full capacity. Additional costs associated with security and to operate a standalone facility are expected to add considerable costs.

Capital costs were not assessed due to insufficient detail, and planning for the project not being sufficiently advanced.

##### - Policy Parameters:

n/a

#### Statistical Data Used:

n/a



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