

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Education – Better managed maintenance and infrastructure
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals Government will invest additional funding to the Asset Renewal Program for schools, finalise the Property Quality Standards (PQS); audit ACT schools against the PQS; undertake feasibility studies for new school infrastructure in the Inner North, Inner South, Woden, Belconnen, Molonglo, and Gungahlin; and planning and design work for a new vertical college in Dickson.
Issue the proposal will address:	This measure will improve the quality and performance of our schools and support the education and achievement of Canberra’s children.
Proposal’s public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	Canberra Liberals website – see policy document and media release.

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.

This measure includes \$25 million over four years for facilities upgrades in government schools (to be focused on toilets, heating, and cooling); enhanced implementation of the \$11.25 million Better Schools for our Kids program with an additional \$5 million over four years; support for feasibility studies of new school infrastructure (already in budget); and \$1 million towards planning and design for a new vertical college in Dickson. All costs will be capitalised.

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)?

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Capital ^(a)	-500	-8,000	-11,250	-11,250	-31,000
Depreciation ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Expenses ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0

¹ As per Part 2, section 5 of the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

Offset - Capital^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Full-time equivalent employees	0	0	0	0	0
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses, depreciation or capital outflows. A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses, depreciation or capital inflows. The expenses row is not to include depreciation costs.					
Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal? Please provide links or attach information/data sources referenced.					
N/a					
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?					
Capped.					
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?					
N/a					
Will funding/the cost require indexation?					
No.					
Who will administer the proposal?					
ACT Education Directorate.					
How will the proposal be administered?					
The policy will be administered within the Education Directorate as BAU.					
Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.					
No.					
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 PQS and audit measures will be drawn from existing resources. Any administrative expenses associated with the policy will be absorbed by the Education Directorate.					
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.					
N/a					
Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? If so, will a copy of this material, including any assumptions, be made available to Treasury?					
See above.					
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?					
Students in ACT Government schools will be the main beneficiaries of the policy.					
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?
The funding commitment for a new college in Dickson will begin in 2024/25. The other measures will be funded in the 2025/26 Budget.
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.
As above.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
This funding is provided for the next term of government.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.