

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	More support for multicultural communities
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	12/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	This proposal supports Canberra's multicultural communities, in particular providing support for employment and English language learning.
Issue the proposal will address:	This proposal will help multicultural communities learn English and gain employment.

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 proposal has two aspects:

1. This proposal includes funding to continue a pilot project run this year to help refugees and asylum seekers find employment. The funding will employ a dedicated job broker to engage with multicultural communities, help match people with jobs that suit their skills and qualifications and assist employers in working with people from different cultural backgrounds.

This proposal will provide more targeted and coordinated support for refugees and asylum seekers seeking employment opportunities in the ACT.

2. This proposal includes funding (\$208,000 over four years) for English language programs in the ACT. Grants will be provided to community service organisations who provide English language services. \$50,000 will be provided in 2017-18, with indexation in later years. This funding will:

- To increase resources for English Language Programs across the ACT;
- To further the reach of existing programs; and
- To ensure that English language programs are easily accessible across the ACT.

The ACT Labor policy funds this proposal over four years from 2017-18 – representing the full four-year term of the next Assembly. This request for costing only includes funding out to 2019-20 as per the Treasury costing guidelines.

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)					
Expenses ^(a)		-336.5	-343.0	-349.5	-1,029.0

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?					
Early feedback from consultations on the ACT languages policy and input gained from the community during 2015 and 2016.					
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 (for example, does an education proposal add to or redirect NERA funding)?					
Yes – funding will be provided to community organisations to deliver services.					
Will funding/the cost require indexation?					
Indexation is included.					
Who will administer the proposal?					
The Community Services Directorate (CSD).					
How will the proposal be administered?					
By CSD.					
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.					
CSD will administer the funding to community organisations through existing internal resources.					
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?					
The community will benefit from greater English language training and employment support.					
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 July 2017.
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?
During 2017-18.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Both aspects of the proposal would be evaluated at the end of the four year period.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.