

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Better mental health services - Residential ante- and post-natal mental health facility
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA
Date of request:	14 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will deliver a dedicated residential facility for women experiencing ante and post-natal anxiety and depression
Issue the proposal will address:	Proposal will provide better mental health services for new mothers.

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.

A Canberra Liberals Government will deliver a dedicated residential facility for women experiencing ante and post-natal anxiety and depression. The healing environment will also be suitable for the mothers to bring their babies.

The facility will be centrally located, with the design and model of care based on established facilities nationally and internationally.

Key assumptions:

- \$50,000 to undertake investigation into model of care; and
- \$200,000 to undertake design the facility to fit the model of care.

An initial provision of \$4 million capital has been provided for design and construction; however, the final capital costs will be determined by the model of care and design of the facility.

Staffing and operational costs will be determined by the model of care, these costs will be funded from 1 July 2024 after the facility opens.

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)?

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)		-50			-50
Capital			-2,000	-2,000	-4,000
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?

The model of care component has been based on [Review of Long-Term Supported Accommodation Models for People with Enduring Mental Illness](#). This contract is valued at \$47,400 and its description includes comparisons of models of care for residential mental health services:

To engage a suitable Consultant to undertake an operational and financial feasibility study of the long-term supported accommodation models for people with enduring mental illness and compare the MyHome model and its sustainability to other similar or alternate service models that provide high quality care and specialist support to people experiencing enduring mental health concerns and long-term accommodation needs.

The design component has been based on [Design Consultancy Services for New Southside Community Step Up Step Down \(SCSUSD\) facility and refurbishment of the Extended Care Unit \(ECU\) at the Brian Hennessy House Rehabilitation Centre \(BHHRC\)](#). This contract is valued at \$422,367 and is for design consultancy services for two residential mental health facilities.

The [new Step Up Step Down facility is approximately \\$3.25 million for capital and other design works](#); however residential ante- and post-natal mental health facility will have different clinical needs and approaches for both new mothers and babies. The final capital costs for this proposal will informed by the model of care and design works.

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?

Contractors will undertake specialised works.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No.

Who will administer the proposal?

The proposal will be administered by the ACT Health Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The ACT Health Directorate will be responsible for delivery, undertaking relevant procurement, and managing the proposal.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals Policy on Better Mental Health Services.
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.
The ACT Health Directorate will absorb any additional administrative costs associated with this proposal.
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?
N/A
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
While there are many supports and services available to women before, during and after giving birth, there is a missing link when it comes to mental health support for women experiencing ante and post-natal anxiety and depression. Presently, women experiencing these mental health challenges must travel interstate to receive the care they need. This facility will provide care in Canberra and close to family supports.
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?
Proposal is assumed to commence in 2020-21.

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.
Model of care will be determined in 2021-22, design works to be completed in 2022-23, and capital works to be undertaken in 2023-24 and 2024-25.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Proposal is ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
N/A