

2020 Election Commitment – ACT Greens

Name of Commitment:	Increase support services for people who would like to address their dependence on drugs	Reference Number: GRN019
Request Submitted by:	Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Greens	
Date Request Received:	09-Oct-20	
Additional Information Requested (details and date)	N/A	
Additional Information Received (details and date)	N/A	

Financial Implications					
Impact On:	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenues ^(a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenses ^{(a)(b)}	-5,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-65,000.0
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Other Expenses	-5,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-65,000.0
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Operating Balance	-5,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-65,000.0
Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Surplus/Deficit	-5,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-20,000.0	-65,000.0

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.
(b) Excludes depreciation

Other Information
Costing Methodology Used:
- Costing Technique:
Treasury has costed this commitment as a capped amount of \$65 million over the period 2020-21 to 2023-24. As this costing is for a fixed dollar amount, the scope of the serviced delivered would need to be managed within this level of funding.
- Proposal Parameters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costing request assumes this proposal would be implemented in early 2021, with part-year funding in 2020-21. • The costing assumes that the funding would largely be provided to existing partner organisations and, on this basis, this proposal would be administered by the ACT Health Directorate within existing resources. • The commitment does not include indexation, noting the request assumes third party wage growth would be met within the overall funding increase.
Caveats or qualifications to the costing:
This proposal has not considered a potential offset from the health funding envelope.
Other Comments:
While the costing request notes that the proposal would double existing funding levels, the costing is on the basis of the fixed amount specified (\$65 million), rather than exactly doubling existing funding levels.
This costing only includes the 'Immediately doubling funding for community drug and alcohol services by \$20 million pa' element of the ACT Greens' election announcement - <i>Increase support services for people who would like to address their dependence on drugs.</i>
- Statistical Data Used:
Treasury estimates.

