2024 Election Commitment – Canberra Liberals

Name of Commitment:	**Women – Back to Work Support**
	Reference Number: LIB098
Request Submitted by:	Elizabeth Lee MLA, Canberra Liberals
Date Request Received:	11-Oct-24
Additional Information Requested (details and date)	N/A
Additional Information Received (details and date)	N/A

Financial Implications

Impact On:	**2024-25 $'000**	**2025-26 $'000**	**2026-27 $'000**	**2027-28 $'000**	**TOTAL $'000**
Revenues [(a)]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Expenses [(a)(b)]	0.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0	**-225.0**
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
- Other Expenses	0.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0	**-225.0**
- 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	**0.0**	**-75.0**	**-75.0**	**-75.0**	-225.0
Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Cash Surplus/Deficit	0.0	-75.0	-75.0	-75.0	**-225.0**

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

Other Information

Costing Methodology Used:

- Costing Technique:

The costing is for a fixed amount of $75,000 per annum over four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29 inclusive ($300,000 in total) for an increase to the Return to Work grants program to support women to return to work. The costing is based on a $500 increase in funding provided to grants recipients (from $1,000 to $1,500 per person), and 150 grants being provided per annum.

- Proposal Parameters:

• The costing assumes that administrative expenses associated with the program would be absorbed by the Community Services Directorate.
• No indexation has been applied.
• The costing assumes a full take-up of the grants program, with 150 grant recipients per annum.

Caveats or qualifications to the costing:

The costing is capped at 150 recipients per annum for the grants program. Should there be additional grant recipients in a given year, then there would be a corresponding increase in expenses of $500 per additional grant recipient.

Other Comments:

Treasury's costing differs from that submitted as it reflects increase of $500 per grant multiplied by 150 grants per year, whereas the costing request appears to assume the increase of $500 per grant multiplied by 141 grants (the number of grant recipients reported for the 2022-23 financial year).

The cost over the Budget and forward estimate years is $225,000, and $300,000 over the four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29 inclusive.

- Statistical Data Used:

Treasury estimates.

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14 October 2024