

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Roll out of tasers for ACT Policing
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	11/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	This policy will provide for a roll-out of conducted energy weapons (tasers) to ACT Policing.
Issue the proposal will address:	This policy will improve public safety.

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 will fund the roll-out of tasers across frontline ACT Policing personnel.

This proposal includes:

- capital funding for the purchase of 600 tasers (which would include a video recording device) in 2017-18 and 10 new tasers per annum in later years; and
- expense funding for the cost of financing and for the cost of police officers to attend training.

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)		-738.2	-104.8	-107.8	-950.8
Capital		-1,757.0	-30.0	-30.8	-1,817.8
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?

No.

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).

ACT Policing will have operational control of the tasers and provide training.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

Indexation is included.

Who will administer the proposal?
ACT Policing.
How will the proposal be administered?
By ACT Policing.
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.
The funding outlined above is adequate to support the implementation of 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?
No.
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
The community will benefit from greater public safety.
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?
1 July 2017.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The purchase of new and replacement tasers and the provision of training will be ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.