

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of policy proposal:</b>	Scholarships to boost training for nurses
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	24/09/2016
Summary of proposal:	ACT Labor will provide scholarships to increase the number of nurses with post-graduate training in specialty disciplines (such as aged care, emergency department nursing, intensive care, paediatrics, leadership).
Issue the proposal will address:	This proposal will boost the training and skills of nurses, and help to attract and retain staff.

### 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.

- The proposal will fund nurses to undertake postgraduate certificates, postgraduate diplomas, or masters degrees, in specialised areas of nursing.
- The number of nurses trained would depend on the level of training provided.

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
<b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>					
<b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b>		-225	-210	-115	-550
<b>Capital</b>					
<b>Depreciation</b>					

(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?

Yes. Published information on courses fees from websites of potential training providers.

Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?

Capped amount of funding per year as indicated in above table. The number of nurses trained would depend on the level of training provided, up to the annual funding amount.

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)?

External training providers (i.e. universities) will provide the postgraduate courses, with the ACT Government funding the ACT Health nurses who will attend the courses.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
ACT Health
How will the proposal be administered?
Through ACT Health.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes – ACT Labor’s nurses package.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?</li> <li>– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.</li> </ul>
The costing does not include administration costs because ACT Health already administers staff training programs.
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 nurses having even greater levels of skills. Nurses will benefit from having greater access to post-graduate training.
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?
The proposal will be fully operational during 2017-18.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
2019-20 will be the final year of this proposal.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
N/A