

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Additional Funding for the Auditor-General
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA, Shadow Treasurer
Date of request:	5 October 2016
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will provide an additional \$3 million to increase the resources of the Auditor-General.
Issue the proposal will address:	To improve transparency, integrity and restore confidence in the ACT Government.

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.

- Costs are calculated as \$1 million per year in additional funding to the Auditor-General.
- The funding will be used to boost resources, allowing the Auditor-General to conduct more performance audits and public interest disclosures.
- It is estimated that this would allow the Auditor-General to undertake three more performance audits a year (assuming \$270k each).

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)	0	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-3,000
Capital					
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)?

No.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
The ACT Audit Office.
How will the proposal be administered?
The ACT Audit Office will be given the additional funding through its annual appropriation. Funding will be used for additional resources to conduct more performance audits and public interest disclosures.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
This proposal was announced as part of a 'Public Service Integrity Package'.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
No. No implementation funding is necessary.
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?
Nil.
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?
This proposal is ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.