Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Study Canberra
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, ACT Labor
Date of request:	07/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	This proposal will provide funding for the Study Canberra program, to promote the ACT as a world leader in research and education and a great place to study.
Issue the proposal will address:	This proposal will help ensure the continued growth of Canberra's higher education sector.

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 provides $750,000 per year from 2017-18 to fund the Study Canberra program.

The Study Canberra program supports the continued growth of the Territory's higher education sector, and to promote Canberra as a study destination of choice for local, national and international students.

Study Canberra links the ACT Government with Territory-based universities, the Canberra Institute of Technology, schools and businesses. It will play a key role in the implementation of the ACT's first international education strategy, launched by the ACT Government on 2 September 2016.

The ACT Labor policy funds this proposal over four years from 2017-18 – representing the full four-year term of the next Assembly. This request for costing only includes funding out to 2019-20 as per the Treasury costing guidelines.

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)]		-750.0	-750.0	-750.0	-2,250
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?
CMTEDD.
How will the proposal be administered?
CMTEDD already administers the Study Canberra program. This proposal provides funding for CMTEDD to continue the program.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes – ACT Labor’s skilled workforce package.
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.
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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 continued growth of the Territory’s higher education sector, which will help create growth in the local economy.
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?
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Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.