

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Making our city safer – Law and justice
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals Government will repeal the drug decriminalisation laws by re-criminalising hard drugs; maintain the current age of criminal responsibility; remove the presumption of bail for offenders who assault frontline workers; introduce electronic monitoring of serious offenders on bail; establish a new offence for breach of bail; crack down on dangerous driving; introduce a criminal offence for ‘coward punch’ attacks; introduce ‘no body, no parole’ legislation applying to convicted murderers; introduce anti-consorting laws to prevention bkie- and gang-related crime; and consider the findings of the review into adopting ‘Jack’s Law’ in the ACT.
Issue the proposal will address:	To improve the safety and wellbeing of the ACT community.
Proposal’s public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	Canberra Liberals website – see policy document and media release.

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 cost of electronic monitoring has been costed at \$1.1 million. This assumes uptake of 15 devices per year (based on NSW statistics, adjusted for population) at a cost of \$60 per day (based on the cost in NSW, see NSW Legislative Assembly QON No. 4566) plus an anklet lease cost of \$20 per day (based on the cost in WA).

The cost of other measures will be absorbed by the Directorate.

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)?

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses^(a)	0	-219	-437	-437	-1,093
Capital^(a)	0	0	0	0	0

¹ As per Part 2, section 5 of the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

Depreciation^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Expenses^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Capital^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Full-time equivalent employees	0	0	0	0	0
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses, depreciation or capital outflows. A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses, depreciation or capital inflows. The expenses row is not to include depreciation costs.					

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal? Please provide links or attach information/data sources referenced.

Yes.

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

Demand driven

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?

No.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No.

Who will administer the proposal?

The proposal will be administered by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and ACT Policing.

How will the proposal be administered?

The measures in the proposal will be administered as legislative reform programs or operational implementation reform program by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and ACT Policing.

Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the 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.

Any administrative expenses associated with the policy will be absorbed by JACS.

Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.

No.

Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? If so, 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?
All Canberrans will benefit. The community impacts associated with this proposal include harmonising the ACT criminal justice system with community expectations, restoring community trust and confidence in law and order in the ACT, and introducing tough on crime reforms.
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?
Funding will be provided in the 2025/26 Budget.
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 in 2025/26.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The measures are ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.