

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Women – Back to Work Support
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals Government will better facilitate women who are returning to the workforce through improved funding for work placement, training, administrative support, and mental health support.
Issue the proposal will address:	This policy will support women in the ACT who are returning to work, improving gender equality and workforce participation.
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.

This will increase the funding which is currently provided under the Return to Work grants program from \$1,000 per person to \$1,500. There were 141 grant recipients in 2022/23. This costing assumes the additional \$500 is fully utilised for 150 grants per year from 2025/26.

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	-71	-71	-71	-212
Capital ^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
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

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

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.
No.
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?
N/a
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
CSD
How will the proposal be administered?
Other than the maximum grant amount, no changes to the program will be made.
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 these measures will be absorbed by CSD.
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?
This policy will support women in the ACT who are returning to work, improving gender equality and workforce participation.
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.
Grants will be available from 1 July 2025.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The measure will continue for the next term of government.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.