

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Healthy schools
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	8 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	<p>Audit all ACT public schools to identify hazardous materials (such as lead-based paint) and accelerate the removal of hazardous materials from public schools.</p> <p>The ACT Greens are committed to ensuring Canberrans can enjoy a clean, healthy environment - in schools and across our community.</p> <p>For further information see: https://greens.org.au/act/news/lead-and-asbestos-found-more-schools-greens-commit-right-healthy-environment-all</p>
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>Many buildings, including schools, built before 1985 in the ACT contain some hazardous building materials that require management plans to ensure the buildings remain safe.</p> <p>Some schools do not appear to have correctly identified all possible hazardous materials, or to have developed remediation plans. Once identified, these materials should be removed safely to ensure the safety and health of all students and staff.</p>

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 funding will be additional to the existing maintenance budget. The audit and the repairs/remediation costs will be drawn from the same funding. It will be capped at \$15 million across the forward years.

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)?

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)	-3,750	-3,750	-3,750	-3,750	-15,000
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?
No.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
The ACT Education Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The Education Directorate will contract an independent provider to undertake an initial audit of all schools built before 1985; a separate tender process will then seek to contract providers for any identified remediation works.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
No.
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.
The Education Directorate will absorb the administrative and planning costs associated with this proposal.
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?
Students and staff wellbeing will be improved as a result of the removal of hazardous material. Any disruption to students and will be reduced through timing and staging of work.
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?
Early 2021
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.
Work will be staged and completed over the forward years in order of priority.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The proposal will cease once all relevant schools have been audited and identified repairs/remediation has occurred and the capped amount has been reached.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.