

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| <b>Name of proposal:</b>                | Undertaking a comprehensive review of the ACT Education Directorate's "Bring Your Own Device", Google classrooms and remote learning policies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Person requesting costing:</b>       | Shane Rattenbury MLA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Date of request:</b>                 | 12 October 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Summary of proposal:</b>             | <p>This proposal is for a broad and public review of the impact of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy, the provision of Chromebooks and the use of Google Suite in the classroom and at home. The review should assess the impacts of these technologies on student learning, attitude and behaviours as well as on teachers, schools and families. The coronavirus pandemic, which saw the rapid and responsive delivery of remote learning should also be considered in this review, as well as issues raised by <a href="#">concerned community members</a>.</p> <p>This proposal is part of our Education initiative:<br/> <a href="https://greens.org.au/act/education">https://greens.org.au/act/education</a></p> |
| <b>Issue the proposal will address:</b> | We want to better understand how these digital technologies that the ACT Education Directorate has actively promoted and delivered, including Google Classroom, for the past five years in schools are working for students, staff and families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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.

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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 |
| <b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>  |         |         |         |         |        |
| <b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b> |         | -100    |         |         | -100   |
| <b>Capital</b>                |         |         |         |         |        |
| <b>Depreciation</b>           |         |         |         |         |        |

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses. The expenses row does not include depreciation costs.

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| 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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Education Directorate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| How will the proposal be administered?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The proposal will be managed in line with existing practices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Is the proposal part of a broader package?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Yes, the ACT Greens Education Package <a href="https://greens.org.au/act/education">https://greens.org.au/act/education</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?</li> <li>– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The Education Directorate is expected to absorb expenses 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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>In 2015 the Education Directorate launched a system wide digital schools program with the goal of empowering students to "Learn, Anywhere", forming part of a broader government strategy to establish Canberra as a leading digital city, and as part of this commitment: transitioned to Google's educational program "G Suite"; Upgraded the wireless networks in schools (with over 2,500 access points); and released a BYOD policy to enable students to bring their own devices to school.</p> <p>More than 20,000 Chromebooks have been given to students over the past 4 years. The government also partnered with telecommunications companies to supply SIM cards and dongles to students during remote learning associated with COVID-19.</p> <p>The use of these technologies, Google applications, and the policies that guide them affect</p> |

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| the education of nearly every child and young person in the public education system.                                                                           |
| 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?                                                                                                      |
| July 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. |
| From July 2021                                                                                                                                                 |
| Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?                                                                                                                      |
| June 2022                                                                                                                                                      |
| Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?                                                                                                 |
| No.                                                                                                                                                            |