

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Making our city safer – Police and crime prevention
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals Government will better protect the ACT community by employing 74 additional police officers; investigating options to improve the Civic police station; continue the transition of Gungahlin JESC to a standalone police station; commit to upgrading the Woden police station; and build a new, standalone police station in Molonglo.
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 Canberra Liberals will expand the existing commitment for an additional 126 police and employ 74 more. The costing includes capital expenditure of \$5 million for the Woden station and \$25 million for the Molonglo stations, with the cost of financing assumed to be 5.25%. There is no additional expenditure associated with the Civic police station and Gungahlin JESC measures.

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	-4,878	-9,826	-15,307	-30,011
Capital ^(a)	0	-7,500	-12,500	-10,000	-30,000
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	0	18	18	19	55

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

employees					
(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.					
Police: The 2024 costing parameters recommends an average cost of \$271,000 for first year constables and \$253,000 for subsequent years. Woden police station: Based on figures from <i>Management and Oversight of ACT Policing</i> (ACT Audit Office, 2024). Molonglo police station: There have been no comparable facilities built in the ACT in recent years but a comparable facility was recently built in Victoria (Point Cook police station).					
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?					
The additional police measure is capped at the number of additional officers. The Woden and Molonglo projects are 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?					
JACS will administer the additional police measure. The capital measures will be jointly administered by JACS and ACT Policing consistent with existing capital projects.					
How will the proposal be administered?					
As above.					
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 the relevant agency.					
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. Building a resilient community is key to addressing the changes facing our city with increasing population, potential and actual rise in crime rates, and aging, not-fit-for-purpose infrastructure.
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. Decisions about the Civic police station will be a matter for government once the current investigations (included in the 2023/24 Budget) have been completed.
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.
Recruitment of additional police will be complete by the end of 2028. The Woden station upgrades are expected to commence in 2025/26 and be completed in 2026/27. The Molonglo police station project is expected to commence in 2025/26 and be completed in 2027/28.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The measures are ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.