

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Mental Health – Restoring confidence
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals Government will exempt community mental health services from Labor’s in-sourcing framework and initiate a four-year program of law, regulation and practice reform to refocus mental healthcare on effectiveness and safety.
Issue the proposal will address:	Improve the mental health and wellbeing of Canberrans.
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.

Exemption from in-sourcing: No funding associated with this measure as the Government has not yet finalised any changes to the provision of related mental health services.

Reform program: This measure includes an internal rapid review of aspects of mental healthcare delivery, including consumer issues. The cost of this will be absorbed from existing resources. The Minister will use this review to identify strategic objectives and commission reform initiatives, with funding to be determined at that time.

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	0	0	0	0
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

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

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.					
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?					
N/a					
Will funding/the cost require indexation?					
N/a.					
Who will administer the proposal?					
ACT Health Directorate					
How will the proposal be administered?					
The Office for Mental Health in the ACT Health Directorate will undertake the review and any associated activities.					
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?					
<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. 					
Yes, the cost of the internal review will be absorbed from existing resources.					
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 measure will enable policy reforms that improve the mental health and wellbeing of Canberrans.					
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?
Implementation of this measure will begin after the 2024 election.
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.
It is expected that the review will be completed in early 2025, with objectives and initiatives identified later that year.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
N/a.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.