

2024 Election Commitment – ACT Labor

Name of Commitment:	Downer Shops – public toilets	
		Reference Number: LAB053
Request Submitted by:	Andrew Barr MLA, ACT Labor	
Date Request Received:	14-Oct-24	
Additional Information Requested (details and date)	N/A	
Additional Information Received (details and date)	N/A	

Financial Implications					
Impact On:	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenues ^(a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenses ^{(a)(b)}	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Other Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	-14.0	-14.0
Net Operating Balance	0.0	0.0	0.0	-14.0	-14.0
Capital Requirement	0.0	-200.0	-360.0	0.0	-560.0
Capital – Offset from ARP	0.0	200.0	360.0	0.0	560.0
Net Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Surplus/Deficit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<small>(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.</small>					
<small>(b) Excludes depreciation</small>					

Other Information
Costing Methodology Used:
- Costing Technique:
The costing is for a fixed dollar amount of \$560,000 over two years from 2025-26 to 2026-27. As such, the scope would need to be managed within this level of funding.
- Proposal Parameters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costing assumes that administrative expenses associated with the delivery of new public toilets at Downer shops would be absorbed by the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS). • The costing request states that the proposal would be fully offset from TCCS's Asset Renewal Program (ARP). Given this assumption, no funding for additional repairs and maintenance expenses have been included in the costing. • The project is expected to commence in early 2026 and be completed by 30 June 2027. • Depreciation of \$14,000 per annum has been calculated on a straight line basis over a 40-year period, commencing in 2027-28. • Cost of financing has not been applied to the costing, as the project would be fully offset from existing funding (TCCS's ARP).

Caveats or qualifications to the costing:

- The costing assumes the design of the proposed works would be included within the proposed funding, noting that 25 per cent has been added to the average cost of recent toilet build projects, to allow for design and contingency.
- The costing assumes the design and construction works would be administered by TCCS as part of its existing infrastructure delivery program.

Other Comments:

- Treasury considers the proposed cap of \$560,000 to be reasonable based on: the cost of a public toilet at Farrer at a cost of \$507,000 in 2023; plus a 25 per cent increase in the estimated cost for design and contingency.
- Treasury notes that the works included in the ARP are developed on an annual basis to address the areas of highest need/priority within each Directorate. Applying the ARP as an offset to the proposed projects would be done in advance of this assessment and would reduce the capacity of TCCS to apply ARP funding to extend the useful life or improve the service delivery of other existing infrastructure assets.

- Statistical Data Used:

- Treasury estimates.
- The costs of constructing a public toilet at Farrer in 2023 were provided on 2 August 2024 by the Minister for City Services in her response to Question on Notice 2083.



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17 October 2024