

2024 Election Commitment – ACT Labor

Name of Commitment:	First Nations' End-of-Life Supports – Assistance for culturally important end-of-life needs	Reference Number: LAB062
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 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
Revenues ^(a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenses ^{(a)(b)}	0.0	-140.0	-143.5	-147.1	-430.6
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Other Expenses	0.0	-140.0	-143.5	-147.1	-430.6
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Operating Balance	0.0	-140.0	-143.5	-147.1	-430.6
Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Surplus/Deficit	0.0	-140.0	-143.5	-147.1	-430.6
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.					
(b) Excludes depreciation					

Other Information
Costing Methodology Used: - Costing Technique: The costing is for a capped total of \$430,600 over three years from 2025-26 to 2027-28, indexed and ongoing, for a First Nations' End-of-life support program. The costing comprises: - a capped amount of \$40,000 per annum (\$500 per individual multiplied by 80 individuals), indexed, to provide financial support to First Nations people to undertake culturally important end-of-life rituals; and - a capped amount of \$100,000 per annum (\$5,000 average cost multiplied by 20 individuals), indexed, to provide interstate transport to a First Nations person who dies in the ACT and wishes to be transported to Country. Funding would be capped, so the program would need to be managed within this level of funding.
- Proposal Parameters: - The program would commence in 2025-26 and be ongoing. - Consumer Price Indexation (CPI) has been applied. - The costing assumes sufficient demand exists in the ACT, and a full take-up of the program. - The costing assumes administrative expenses associated with the program would be absorbed by the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD), Canberra Health Services (CHS) and/or the Community Services Directorate (CSD)

Caveats or qualifications to the costing:

- Assumptions are not based on a known or anticipated level of demand. As such, fund amounts may need to be amended following program implementation and assessment of demand.
- Transport costs may vary significantly depending on the desired interstate location of a deceased First Nations person. As such, more or less trips may be accommodated within the capped funding envelope.

Other Comments:

Treasury notes that administration of this program would be a new activity for the ACTHD, CHS or CSD, which may require a reprioritisation of Directorate resourcing and may impact on ability to deliver other activities.

- Statistical Data Used:

Treasury estimates.



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