

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Research and innovation fund
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr, Chief Minister
Date of request:	07/10/2016
Summary of proposal:	This proposal will provide funding for health research in key areas.
Issue the proposal will address:	This proposal will help position the ACT at the forefront of health innovation and research.

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.

This policy will provide \$1 million per year in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 for research in key health areas, such as cancer, type 2 diabetes, cardiology, nursing, mental health, women and children, dementia, palliative care, and population health.

The Health Directorate will assess research proposals from researchers at eligible ACT-based institutions (chiefly local universities), with the funding to be distributed after a competitive selection process, based on guidelines developed by the Health Directorate.

The ACT Labor policy funds this policy over three years from 2018-19. This request for costing only includes funding out to 2019-20 as per the Treasury costing guidelines.

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)?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)			-1,000	-1,000	-2,000
Capital					
Depreciation					

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

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 (for example, does an education

proposal add to or redirect NERA funding).
Funding will be provided to external researchers for agreed research projects.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No
Who will administer the proposal?
Health Directorate
How will the proposal be administered?
The Health Directorate will develop funding guidelines, manage the annual competitive selection process and distribute the grants through funding agreements with successful applicants.
Is the proposal part of a broader 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.
The costs of developing the assessment guidelines, assessing proposals, and distributing the grants will be met internally by the Health Directorate.
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?
The community will benefit from greater research and innovation in key healthcare areas.
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?
1 July 2018
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?
This proposal will provide \$1 million per annum in 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21. This request for costing only includes funding out to 2019-20 as per the Treasury costing guidelines.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
In 2020-21.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.