2016 Policy Commitment – ACT Labor

Name of Commitment: **Roll out of tasers for ACT Policing**

Reference Number: LAB045

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Additional Information Requested (details and date) N/A

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Financial Implications

Impact On:	2016-17 $'000	2017-18 $'000	2018-19 $'000	2019-20 $'000	TOTAL $'000
Revenues [a]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Expenses [a] [b]	0.0	-2,451.3	-89.0	-91.0	**-2,631.3**
- Employee Expenses	0.0	-694.3	-59.0	-60.2	**-813.5**
- Other Expenses	0.0	-1,757.0	-30.0	-30.8	**-1,817.8**
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Expenses - Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Net Operating Balance	**0.0**	**-2,451.3**	**-89.0**	**-91.0**	**-2,631.3**
Capital Requirement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
Cash Surplus/Deficit	0.0	-2,451.3	-89.0	-91.0	**-2,631.3**

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.
(b) Excludes depreciation expenses.

Other Information

Costing Methodology Used:
- Costing Technique:
This costing has been completed using a price by quantity methodology, based on the cost of Conducted Energy Weapons (tasers) featuring video recording and the relevant overtime rates for police to provide training.

- Proposal Parameters:
Purchase of up to 600 tasers in 2017-18 and 10 new tasers per annum each year thereafter.
Officers receiving taser training would be backfilled by officers using overtime.
Indexation of 2.5 per cent has been applied.
The costing includes contingency of 10 per cent.

Caveats or qualifications to the costing:
The cost of the purchase of the tasers has been capitalised in the commitment; however, Treasury has expensed these amounts as it would be appropriate for ACT Policing (which is not a Territory entity) to undertake the procurement of the tasers and retain them as an asset. Under this arrangement the tasers would not be capitalised.
The final cost would be dependent on the number and type of tasers purchased and the result of a competitive procurement process.
The cost of this commitment may be sensitive to foreign exchange rate fluctuations, should they be procured from overseas.
The price of each taser does not include delivery, permits, nor any taxes that may apply.

Other Comments:
The costing assumes that guidelines for the appropriate use of tasers already exist.
The tasers would be required to be replaced in 2022-23 at the end of their useful lives.

- Statistical Data Used:
Australian Federal Police Enterprise Agreement 2012-2016.
Treasury estimates.

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