


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Professional Development and Wellbeing Fund for GPs
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	10 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	We will establish a \$4 million Professional Development and Wellbeing Fund for GPs.
Issue the proposal will address:	We will support GP placements for junior doctors in Canberra Health Services who are considering future specialty pathways to encourage them to train in general practice in the ACT.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	Health Plan (actlabor.org.au)

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.

We will work with doctors and professional bodies to co-design a \$4 million Professional Development and Wellbeing Fund.

It will also specifically provide funding for the ACT's Drs4Drs program, a confidential mental health support service that operates specifically to support doctors and medical students in Australia.

\$1 million each financial year, including the 2028-29 financial year (not included in the table below).

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

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)					
Expenses^(a)		-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-3,000
Capital^(a)					
Depreciation^(a)					
Offset - Expenses^(a)					
Offset - Capital^(a)					
Full-time equivalent employees					

(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?

All funds will be a capped amount

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?

No

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No

Who will administer the proposal?

ACT Health Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

The ACT Health Directorate will administer the fund. The SOGC position that was included in LAB001 – Making primary care more accessible and affordable will also support the delivery of the Professional Development and Wellbeing fund.

Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.
Yes.
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.
The ACT Health Directorate will administer the fund, utilising the additional SOGC resource allocated in LAB001 and absorbing any additional administrative expenses.
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?
The Professional Development and Wellbeing Fund will attract GP Registrars, support the wellbeing of the GP workforce and create opportunities for GPs to participate in research, education, and professional development.
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 2025
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.
Fully operational 1 July 2025
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The fund will cease at the end of the 2028-29 financial year.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No