


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Carers recognition card
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	Explore the feasibility of a carers recognition card so that carers can more easily access services and supports without having to verify, using source material, every time that they are a carer.
Issue the proposal will address:	Carers are currently able to access a range of publicly funded supports as well as private sector discounts and savings, but have found it difficult to repeatedly demonstrate their carer role to multiple agencies and private sector businesses.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	act-labor-policy-position-statement-2024-7-october-2024.pdf (actlabor.org.au) page 46.

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.

A re-elected Labor Government will explore the establishment of a recognition card, that will be widely accepted as demonstrating the individual's ongoing caring responsibilities, so as to access supports and discounted goods and services across the public and private sectors.

CSD will administer this exploration process, which will involve liaising with key stakeholder groups in the disability support and business sectors, as well as across government.

A 1 FTE ASO 6 position will be established to undertake these exploration functions and prepare findings and recommendations for consideration by the CSD executive and provision to Government. This 1 FTE will commence from the 2025-26 financial year and conclude at the end of the 2026-27 year.

This position has been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template with 1.76% workers compensation rate assumed.

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

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

Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)		-150	-154.3		-304.3
Capital^(a)					
Depreciation^(a)					
Offset - Expenses^(a)					
Offset - Capital^(a)					
Full-time equivalent employees		1	1		

(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.

Exploration would commence by examining the scheme currently operating in Victoria to see whether it would be suitable for the needs of ACT carers: [Home | Carer Card Program Victoria](#)

Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?

The FTE for this function is a capped and time limited amount as per the assumptions.

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?

The 1 FTE has been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template which includes increases as per relevant EBAs

Who will administer the proposal?

CSD

How will the proposal be administered?

CSD will be responsible for the management of this role and development of recommendations on a proposal to government over the two financial years.

Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.

No

<p>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?</p> <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.
<p>1 FTE ASO 6 will be allocated to manage the day-to-day liaison with stakeholders and preparation of written advice for CSD executive consideration</p> <p>Wider oversight of this proposal would be absorbed by CSD as part of its carers support functions.</p>
<p>Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>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?</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?</p>
<p>The proposal will directly benefit carers, who comprise a significant percentage of the ACT population, including young Canberrans caring for their parents or other relatives.</p>
<p>Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?</p>
<p>The proposal will commence from 1 July 2025 and run for 2 years.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>From 1 July 2025.</p>
<p>Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?</p>
<p>The proposal will conclude at the end of the 2026-27 financial year. It is assumed the examination of various possible models for a recognition card will be concluded, with advice to Government prepared. It will then be a further decision of Government to determine if and how a Card is established.</p>

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No