

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| Name of policy proposal:         | <b>Reviewing how to make the ACT's Budget Process a more Participatory one</b>   |
| Person requesting costing:       | Shane Rattenbury MLA   |
| Date of request:                 | 30 September 2016  |
| Summary of proposal:             | <p>The ACT Greens will seek to implement Participatory Budgeting (PB) in the ACT, to give local communities a much greater say over how the Budget is allocated in their respective regions.</p> <p>This proposal focuses on the allocation of additional staffing in order to firstly conduct a review into how PB could be implemented in the ACT.</p> |
| Issue the proposal will address: | Working to ensure residents have more of a say over Budget decisions in their local areas.   |

### What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

**Note:** The costing will 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.

PB is a different way to manage public money, and to engage people in government processes. It is a process in which community members directly decide how to spend a portion of the Budget.

Typically in PB, residents will 1) brainstorm spending ideas to solve community problems/challenges, and then 2) develop proposals based on those ideas. Local residents then vote on the proposals, before the respective government implements the top proposals.

This proposal is to conduct a review and feasibility study for the ACT Government into how PB could best be implemented in the ACT, including what the likely costs are. Assumption that the review/study could be completed within a 12 month period.

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 |
| <b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| <b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b> | 0       | -113    | 0       | 0       | -113   |
| <b>Capital</b>                | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      |

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

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| Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal?  |
| Information on PB was considered as part of the development of this proposal. See <a href="#">here</a> for some examples.   |
| 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)? |
| No.   |
| Will funding/the cost require indexation?   |
| No.   |
| Who will administer the proposal?   |
| Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development (lead), with support from Elections ACT.  |
| How will the proposal be administered?  |
| Funding to be allocated to Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development's Budget.  |
| Is the proposal part of a broader package?  |
| No.   |
| Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?</li> <li>– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.</li> </ul>                             |
| Yes – costs cover one additional staff member for a 12 month period to research and prepare the review. Any additional staffing support to be absorbed by the 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?  |
| This is a step to improve trust in ACT Government by ensuring locals have more of a say over what projects happen in their local 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?

2017-18

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?

2017-18

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

2017-18

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

N/A