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PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

**Short inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's use of
provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* to
fund election commitments in 2021**

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Charter of the Committee

The Public Accounts Committee (the Committee) is a Joint Standing Committee of the Tasmanian Parliament constituted under the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970* (the Act).

The Committee comprises six Members of Parliament, three Members drawn from the Legislative Council and three Members from the House of Assembly.

Under section 6 of the Act the Committee:

- **must** inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any matter referred to the Committee by either House relating to the management, administration or use of public sector finances; or the accounts of any public authority or other organisation controlled by the State or in which the State has an interest; and
 - **may** inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any matter arising in connection with public sector finances that the Committee considers appropriate; and any matter referred to the Committee by the Auditor-General.
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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ABC	Australian Broadcasting Commission
Act	<i>Public Accounts Committee Act 1970</i>
AustLII	Australasian Legal Information Institute
Committee	The Joint Standing Committee of Public Accounts
Cth	Commonwealth of Australia
FMA	<i>Financial Management Act 2016</i>
GAA Committee	Legislative Council Sessional Committee Governance Administration 'A'
LCCF	Local Communities Facilities Fund
Liberal Party	Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmania Division)
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
MP	Member of Parliament
NT	Northern Territory
NZ	New Zealand
PAA	<i>Public Account Act 1986</i>
RAF	Request for additional funds

Executive Summary

Following the Tasmanian 2018 election the Tasmanian Integrity Commission released a report criticising the Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmania Division) (Liberal Party) grants program ahead of the 2018 election. Following the 2021 election, the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) undertook an investigation into the Liberal Party's 2021 State Election policy commitment to establish a Local Communities Facilities Fund in April 2022. A follow-up ABC report in November 2022 made allegations that 'a total of 111 projects worth \$2.47 million did not go through Parliament'.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Accounts (the Committee) resolved, by its own motion, to undertake a targeted short inquiry process into the funding of the 2021 election commitments, with particular regard to the 111 election commitments referred to by the ABC. The Committee sought to identify the legislative mechanism utilised for the funding of all the Liberal Party's 2021 election commitments.

The Committee held one public hearing with Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Treasurer and Mr Tony Ferrall, Secretary Department of Treasury and Finance. This Report details the funding mechanisms utilised to fund the election commitments which included provisions in the *Financial Management Act 2016* (FMA), specifically section 21, seeking approval from the Governor to approve funding from the Treasurer's Reserve and the 2022-23 State Budget. The Committee notes the provisions in section 21 of the FMA which requires that requests for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve is 'for expenditure, the need for which could not, in the opinion of the Treasurer, reasonably have been foreseen and which is necessary for efficient financial administration -'.

Whilst the Committee found the use of the Treasurer's Reserve to fund some of the 2021 election commitments was lawful, the use of this mechanism avoids deliberative scrutiny by Parliament prior to the expenditure being approved. Actual expenditure from the Treasurer's Reserve is only able to be retrospectively scrutinised and approved by the Parliament. The funding from the Treasurer's Reserve in 2021 of the 111 election commitments, was the only time between 2010 and 2021 where election commitments had been funded in this manner.

The FMA contains provisions, including the introduction of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, that enable more timely Parliamentary scrutiny of the funding of election commitments. The Committee recommended that when time permits, election commitments be funded by way of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, rather than a request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve, to allow for deliberative scrutiny and approval by Parliament prior to the appropriation of the necessary funds.

The Committee also sought information regarding the costing of election commitments and policy under the *Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007* noting this is an opt-in process. Furthermore, some commitments are not costed due to being provided too late in the process and/or too little information being provided.

The Committee sought information as to how the Government assessed which elections commitments would be funded through the Treasurer's Reserve and which ones would be

funded in the 2022-23 State budget. Whilst the quantum of the grant was considered in the assessment, this was not the determining factor, rather the grants funded by way of request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve were those deemed most likely to be ready and able to complete the process and deliver on project objectives within a short lead time.

The Committee reiterates the processes used to fund all election commitments were lawful, however to improve accountability and transparency outside of the budget appropriation bills, a Supplementary Appropriation Bill to fund election commitments is the preferred mechanism with Treasurer's Reserve only utilised where there is genuinely no time to introduce and pass a Supplementary Appropriation Bill.

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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
Chair

16 August 2024

Committee Findings

The Committee made the following ten (10) findings:

Area	Finding
Application of provisions of the Financial Management Act 2016 and the use of the Treasurer's Reserve	<p>F1. The relevant provisions of the <i>Financial Management Act 2016</i> to fund election commitments from the Treasurer's Reserve were not used to fund election commitments between 2010 and 2020.</p> <p>F2. Actual expenditure from the Treasurer's Reserve is only able to be retrospectively scrutinised and approved by the Parliament.</p> <p>F3. The <i>Financial Management Act 2016</i> contains provisions which enable more timely and deliberative Parliamentary scrutiny of the funding of election commitments, such as the introduction of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill.</p> <p>F4. The expenditure of funds from the Treasurer's Reserve for the Local Communities Facilities fund was lawful.</p> <p>F5. The <i>Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007</i> requires the costing of election commitments and it is effectively an opt-in process.</p> <p>F6. Some election commitments are not costed by the Department of Treasury and Finance due to being provided too late in the process, and/or providing too little information.</p>
Assessment of Grants to be Funded through Requests for Additional Funding	<p>F7. The grants related to 2021 election commitments funded by way of request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve, were those deemed most likely to be ready and able to complete the process and deliver on project objectives within a short lead time.</p> <p>F8. The quantum of the grant related to 2021 election commitments was considered in the assessment of when and how the grant would be funded, but was not a determining factor.</p>
Public Disclosure of Election Commitments	<p>F9. The costing of election commitments/policies under the <i>Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007</i> can only be undertaken once they have been publicly announced.</p> <p>F10. What constitutes a public announcement of election commitments/policies is not defined and has a very broad application in practice.</p>

Committee Recommendation

The Committee made one recommendation:

- R1. Outside of the annual budget appropriation bills, when possible, election commitments be funded by way of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, rather than a request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve, to allow for timely deliberative scrutiny by Parliament.
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Conduct of Review

In April 2022, following from the release of the Integrity Commission of Tasmania's report criticising the Liberal Party's grants program ahead of 2018 election,¹ the ABC ran an investigation into the Tasmanian Liberal's 2021 State Election Local Communities Facilities Fund.²

A follow-up ABC report in November 2022 made allegations that 'a total of 111 projects worth \$2.47 million did not go through Parliament'.³

Through its 'own motion' powers, the Committee resolved to undertake an inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's use of provisions of the FMA to fund election commitments in 2021.

On 25 November 2022, the Committee released a media advisory advising the public that the Committee was conducting a public hearing to gather evidence for the Inquiry.⁴

The Committee wrote to the relevant Minister and invited them to attend the Committee's public hearings into the Inquiry. The ministerial public hearings were held at Committee Room 2, Parliament House as follows:

Monday, 28 November 2022

Hon Michael Ferguson MP
Deputy Premier and Treasurer

Tony Ferrall
Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance

The Committee resolved to ask for submissions from a number of governance academics and received a submission from Anja Hilkemeijer (Lecturer, School of Law, University of Tasmania). The submission pinpointed the challenges of section 21 of the FMA with respect to transparent authorisation of spending.⁵

Concurrent with this Inquiry, on 15 December 2022, the Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration 'A' (GAA Committee) resolved to establish an inquiry into the operations and application of the FMA. The Committee agreed to postpone its inquiry pending the outcome of this GAA inquiry.

¹ See in general Paper 2: Grant Commitments in Election Campaigns, Integrity Commission of Tasmania (6 April 2022), https://www.integrity.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/655855/paper-2-grant-commitments-in-election-campaigns.pdf

² See 'Tasmanian Liberals accused of 'electoral bribery' over taxpayer-funded election grants', ABC News (21 April 2022), <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-04-21/tasmanian-liberals-2021-election-grants/100984768>

³ See 'Tasmanian Liberal election grants worth millions doled out in process that avoided parliamentary scrutiny', ABC News (17 November 2022), <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-17/tasmanian-government-grants-secretive-process/101658424>

⁴ See Media Advisory – 25 November 2022

⁵ See [Anja Hilkemeijer \(UTAS\) \(Submission #1\)](#)

On 8 June 2023, Mr Ferrall provided to the Committee a correction to the evidence taken at the public hearing.⁶

On 5 September 2023, the GAA Committee tabled its final report. Amongst other recommendations, the Committee stated:

*During election periods, political parties and candidates be required to disclose grant commitments at the time of the commitment and the likely funding source, then subsequently demonstrate policy rationale for grant-based election commitments.*⁷

At the time of tabling this Report, the Government had yet to respond to the GAA Committee's report as per Legislative Council Sessional Order 5(28).⁸

On 14 February 2024, Parliament was prorogued and the House of Assembly dissolved pending the outcome of the early Tasmanian election called for 23 March 2024.

Upon resumption of the 51st Parliament of Tasmania, the reconstituted Committee resolved to cease the Inquiry and table its final Report.

⁶ See [Letter – Correction of Evidence Provided at Hearing – Mr Tony Ferrall](#)

⁷ See [Final Report \(Tabled 5 September 2023\)](#) and [Short Inquiry Process into the operations and application of the Financial Management Act 2016](#) webpage generally

⁸ After tabling, the Clerk shall send a copy of a report recommending action by, or seeking a response from, the Government to the responsible minister and to the Leader of the Government. The Leader of the Government or the Minister (if a Member of the Council) shall report the Government's response within three months by tabling the response or if the Council is not sitting by providing a copy of the response to the President who shall then arrange for its distribution to all Members and for its tabling when the Council next sits.

Background

Section 21 and 30 of the current *Financial Management Act 2016* (FMA) deals with the Treasurer's Reserve and the Governor's authority for emergency expenditure:

21. Treasurer's Reserve

- (1) *The Treasurer may, in any financial year, issue and apply from the Public Account, for expenditure, the need for which could not, in the opinion of the Treasurer, reasonably have been foreseen and which is necessary for efficient financial administration –*
- (a) *an amount that is contingently appropriated by an Appropriation Act for the relevant financial year; and*
- (b) *if receipts, additional to the total estimated receipts specified in a statement accompanying an Appropriation Act, are generated within that financial year – the amount of those additional receipts less any amount of Commonwealth money received by the State.*
- (2) *The amount that may be issued and applied from the Public Account under [subsection \(1\)](#) may not, in total, exceed 2.5% of the total appropriation in the Appropriation Act for that financial year.*
- (3) *[Subsection \(1\)](#) does not authorise expenditure for a purpose other than a purpose mentioned in an Appropriation Act then in force, unless the Governor has, in writing, approved that expenditure.*
- (4) *The Public Account is, without further or other appropriation, appropriated to the extent necessary to provide an amount mentioned in [subsection \(1\)\(b\)](#).*
- (5) *Nothing in this section affects the operation of [section 30](#).*

30. Governor's authority for emergency expenditure

- (1) *In cases of emergency, if it is necessary to incur expenditure from the Public Account –*
- (a) *in excess of an amount authorised to be spent by an item in a Schedule to an Appropriation Act; or*
- (b) *for a purpose not provided for by Parliament –*
the Treasurer must obtain the written authority of the Governor.
- (2) *The Treasurer must, before seeking the Governor's authority under [subsection \(1\)](#), request that the Auditor-General prepare a report to the effect that the authority would be proper having regard to the circumstances of the emergency.*
- (3) *The Treasurer must provide to the Governor any report that is provided by the Auditor-General to the Treasurer under [subsection \(2\)](#).*
- (4) *The Auditor-General –*
- (a) *before making a report under [subsection \(2\)](#), may seek any necessary explanation from the Treasurer or any other appropriate Minister; and*
- (b) *may make, in that report, any observation that the Auditor-General thinks necessary.*
- (5) *The Treasurer may authorise the issue and application of money from the Public Account of the amount, and for the purposes, specified in the written authority for emergency expenditure from the Governor.*

Under the previous *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990* there was no equivalent power that equated to the Treasurer's Reserve. Instead, this power was vested in the *Public Account Act 1986* (emphasis added):

11. Treasurer's Reserve

(1) In this section –

Commonwealth money to which this section applies means money that is granted or lent, or agreed to be granted or lent, to the State by the Commonwealth under an arrangement made between the State and Commonwealth with respect to the purposes for which that money may be expended, unless that money is money to which [section 13 \(7\) \(a\)](#), [\(b\)](#), or [\(c\)](#) applies.

(2) Subject to this section, the Treasurer may, in any financial year, by order, issue and apply from the Consolidated Fund an amount not exceeding in total –

(a) an amount of \$10 000 000;

(b) if an additional amount is contingently appropriated by an Appropriation Act for the relevant financial year, that additional amount;

(c) if Parliament has appropriated for that financial year any money for recurrent services and there is a surplus arising, or saving effected, from that appropriation which has not been applied to another item under [section 10 \(1\)](#), the amount of that surplus or saving;

(d) if Commonwealth money to which this section applies, additional to that estimated in a statement accompanying an Appropriation Act, is received from the Commonwealth in that financial year, the amount of that additional Commonwealth money; and

(e) if receipts of a recurrent nature, additional to the total estimated receipts of a recurrent nature specified in a statement accompanying an Appropriation Act, are generated within that financial year, the amount of those additional receipts less the amount of any additional Commonwealth money referred to in [paragraph \(d\)](#) of a recurrent nature –

for expenditure the need for which could not, in the opinion of the Treasurer, reasonably have been foreseen and which is essential for efficient financial administration.

(3) [Subsection \(2\)](#) does not authorize expenditure for a purpose other than a purpose mentioned in an Appropriation Act then in force unless the Governor has, in writing, approved of that expenditure.

(4) Of the total amount available under [subsection \(2\) \(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#) in a financial year, not more than one-third may be applied for purposes other than a purpose specified in the Schedule to an Appropriation Act for the financial year then current or, if there is no Appropriation Act then in force, an Appropriation Act for the preceding year.

(5) An amount referred to in [subsection \(2\) \(a\)](#), [\(b\)](#), [\(c\)](#) or [\(e\)](#) may be applied only for expenditure for recurrent services.

(6) The Consolidated Fund is, without further or other appropriation, appropriated to the extent necessary to provide an amount mentioned in [subsection \(2\) \(a\)](#) and to provide for the expenditure, pursuant to this section, of Commonwealth money to which this section applies.

(7) All expenditure under this section in any financial year shall, before the close of the following financial year, be submitted to Parliament for its approval.

(8) Nothing in this section affects the operation of [section 16 of the Financial Management and Audit Act 1990](#).

The Financial Management Bill 2015 (Bill 41 of 2015) Factsheet states:

Current arrangements for the Treasurer's Reserve under the Public Account Act are complex and provide an uncapped source of funding that could discourage effective fiscal responsibility. The Financial Management Bill improves the transparency of the Treasurer's Reserve by providing a more simple calculation of the Reserve amount and making the size of the effective buffer more certain.⁹

The Committee notes that in some Australian and New Zealand jurisdictions, equivalent provisions have a narrower scope with respect to the Treasurer (or other qualified Minister) expending from the Treasurer's Reserve or equivalent:

Source	Relevant Inclusion
<i>Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2022-2023 (No. 67 of 2022) (Cth)</i>	Section 10 (Advance to the Finance Minister provides that 'if the Finance Minister is satisfied that there is an urgent need for expenditure' and with respect to a \$2 Billion allocation 'an event that the Finance Minister is satisfied is a natural disaster ' or 'circumstances that the Finance Minister is satisfied constitute a national emergency ' ¹⁰
Treasurer's Direction – Treasurer's Advance (NT)	To be eligible for a Treasurer's Advance, expenses must either be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• extraordinary and one-off in nature; or• a major unforeseen or natural disaster event¹¹
<i>Public Finance Act 1989 (NZ)</i>	Section 25 provides that expenses or capital expenditure may be incurred in emergencies providing that a state of emergency is declared under the <i>Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002</i> , or a situation occurs that affects the public health or safety of New Zealand or any part of New Zealand that the Government declares to be an emergency. ¹²

The Committee notes from the Tasmanian Audit Office's submission to the GAA Inquiry:

Although use of the Treasurer's Reserve is disclosed in supplementary estimates and reported to Parliament through the Preliminary Outcomes Report and the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report, we believe transparency could be improved by providing a reconciliation of the amount available within the Treasurer's Reserve with greater detail on how appropriations from the reserve have been expended.

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⁹ See 'Financial Management Bill 2015 Bill 41 of 2015', AustLII Tasmanian Bills Fact Sheets, <https://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/tas/Bill/fs/fmb2015b41o2015224/fmb2015b41o2015224.html>

¹⁰ See Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2022-2023 (Cth), Federal Register of Legislation, <https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2022A00067/asmade/text>

¹¹ See 'Treasurer's Direction – Treasurer's Advance', NT Department of Treasury and Finance, https://treasury.nt.gov.au/data/assets/word_doc/0003/991101/treasurers-direction-treasurers-advance.docx

¹² See *Public Finance Act 1989* (NZ), New Zealand Legislation, <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0044/latest/whole.html#DLM160809>

Such a reconciliation would provide more and transparent information than is currently available in the Supplementary Estimates prepared, audited and tabled under section 24 and would provide an enhanced acquittal back to Parliament, not just which agency received the additional funding. The reconciliation could form part of the Supplementary Estimates document.

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We note the Supplementary Estimates prepared under section 24 does not provide details as to the reasons for transfers, additional funding and rollovers. The Supplementary Estimates may be enhanced by the inclusion of additional details for these approvals.¹³

Similarly, as concluded by Ms Hilkemeijer's submission to this Inquiry:

Unlike similar provisions in other jurisdictions, s 21 of the [Financial Management Act 2016] does not require that the purpose for which money is spent is demonstrated to be 'urgent'.

Furthermore, the Tasmanian Act gives a misleading impression that the Governor acts as an independent 'check' on any improper spending. This could be remedied by removing references in s 21 (and s 30) to the Governor's approval and relying instead on approval by the Auditor General.

Finally, this Inquiry has shown that under the existing Act it can take many years, as well as the work of investigative journalists, before Parliament is informed of the detail of such spending. A statutory mechanism should be put in place to ensure more timely disclosure of relevant information.¹⁴

¹³ See [Tasmanian Audit Office \(Submission #2\)](#), p.7-8

¹⁴ See [Anja Hilkemeijer \(UTAS\) \(Submission #1\)](#), p.6

Evidence

Application of provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* and the use of the Treasurer's Reserve

The following is an extract of the transcript from the public hearing conducted on Monday, 18 November 2022 with Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Deputy Premier and Treasurer, and Mr Tony Ferrall (Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance). A full copy of the transcript is available on the Committee's website.¹⁵

Mr FERGUSON - ... As you'd no doubt be aware, the Financial Management Act 2016 (FMA) provides for certain powers and roles for the Treasurer to amend agency appropriations each year after the appropriation Bills introduced on budget day come into force. These roles under the Financial Management Act (FMA) are very similar to those that were in place under the previous legislation, the Public Account Act 1986.

One area that is consistent under both acts is the power of the Treasurer to issue and apply funding from the Treasurer's Reserve. Section 21 of the FMA outlines the requirements which are to be met for the Treasurer to be able to utilise the Treasurer's Reserve and the calculation methodology for the Treasurer's Reserve.

The section also identifies that the Governor's approval is required in certain circumstances. Following the 2021 election, the Government determined that a limited number of specific election commitments would be paid prior to 30 June of that year, funded from the Treasurer's Reserve. As these were new commitments made during the election campaign, it was deemed that this represented a new purpose and accordingly, the Governor's approval was required prior to the then Treasurer and Premier, Peter Gutwein, approving a request for addition funds (RAF) in accordance with the strict rules in the Financial Management Act.

Use of the Treasurer's Reserve in this manner is consistent with the intent of the Financial Management Act, a point that I've consistently made throughout some debate that occurred in the House of Assembly last week.

I'll now offer the Secretary the chance to make his brief statement, providing some more detail on the process, which I think will be of most interest to the Committee. The process which was followed in regard to approval of this funding from the Treasurer's Reserve and the FMA provisions ...

Mr FERRALL - I will start with the 2021 election process and Treasury's role in that election process. As members will be aware, the 2021 state election was called on 26 March 2021 and during the election costing period, Treasury undertook costings of election commitments in accordance with the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007.

As the election costing process is effectively opt-in by the parties, not all election commitments and announcements were submitted to Treasury for costing. Treasury

¹⁵ See Transcript of Evidence, [Public Hearings \(28 November 2022\) – \(Deputy Premier Ferguson\)](#)

costed all requests for costings that provided either sufficient detail and were provided within sufficient time to enable the costing process to be undertaken. So, not every election commitment of parties was costed through that period because some were provided too late in the process and some provided insufficient information. During that process there was a statement at the end of the election period where we identified those election commitments that had been submitted which hadn't been costed.

Treasury tracks election commitments to enable us to crosscheck the identified commitments with the information held by the party which forms Government. Following the outcome of the election, work was undertaken to validate Treasury-held information and the Government's information to confirm that all announcements and initiatives had been correctly captured.

This process was undertaken as part of, and in parallel with, the 2021-22 Budget development process. Post the election, we worked with the Government to agree on a list of election commitments and the Local Communities Facilities Fund. On 3 May 2021 an initial list of Liberal Party 2021 election commitments was provided to Treasury for analysis.

Treasury worked with staff of the Treasurer's office to ensure all election commitments were identified, and a detailed list of all election commitments was discussed with the then Premier and Treasurer on 8 June 2021. Through the process of finalising the budget, cash flow and funding estimates were revisited for all budget commitments, including election commitments. A specific example of that was the Local Communities Facilities Fund [LCFF], which was reviewed as more information was obtained.

In terms of the legislative basis of the election commitments paid in 2021, following the election, the Government sought to commence delivery of specific commitments in 2020-21, including some grants under the LCFF. The legislative mechanism to enable additional funding to be provided for these commitments was under the Financial Management Act 2016, and I will walk through the specific sections at this point.

Section 21(1) of the FMA provides for the Treasurer to issue and apply from the Public Account for expenditure that in the Treasurer's opinion could not reasonably have been foreseen and which is necessary for the efficient financial administration. The Treasurer's authority to issue and apply funding from the Treasurer's Reserve is limited by section 21(3) to expenditure that is for a purpose mentioned in an appropriation act then in force, unless the Governor has, in writing, approved that expenditure.

Given that election commitments are made during the election period, which occurred after the publication of the 2021 budget, prior approval of the Governor under section 21(3) of the FMA was required before a request for additional funds could be approved by the Treasurer. New purpose RAFs, or requests for additional funds, totalling \$4.7 million for election commitments were approved by the Governor on 21 June 2021. This included \$2.5 million for some LCFF commitments, funded in the 2021 year, \$250,000 for the No Interest Loans Scheme and \$2 million for the Hobart Clinic redevelopment...

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Mr FERRALL - Approximately \$2.466 million.

Following the finalisation of the 2021-22 budget Estimates, the Treasurer's office advised of additional commitments that had been identified after the finalisation of the budget. These commitments were for the St Helens Pump Track, Bracknell Hall replacement, Australian Rules History and Heritage museum and the Kingborough basketball stadium. It was necessary for these commitments to be dealt with as part of future budget management processes.

As you would be aware, the Financial Management Act replaced existing legislation, specifically the Public Account Act 1986, and the remaining provisions of the then Financial Management Audit Act 1990. The existing acts had governed public financial management for approximately 30 years.

The process of the Treasurer considering additional funds within the current year remains largely the same under the Financial Management Act, i.e., the current legislation, and it continues the longstanding practice of requests for additional funds being considered by the Treasurer, and if approved, funded through the Treasurer's Reserve.

Section 11(2) of the Public Account Act - that's the prior legislation - provided for the Treasurer to issue and apply from the Public Account for expenditure that in the Treasurer's opinion could not reasonably have been foreseen and which is essential for efficient public administration.

There are two words different in the two sections. In the Public Account Act, the earlier act, had the word 'essential' as the Treasurer's consideration, and in the Financial Management Act the word is 'necessary'. ...

Mr FERRALL - *The 2021 election was announced on 26 March 2021, and that's when we commenced tracking election commitments of each major party. Over the period 28 March to 30 April, it was the 2021 election costing period, and we undertook election commitment costings in accordance with the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007.*

On 1 May, that was the election day, the Liberal Party claimed election victory, and vote counting continued for a period after that. In the period 3 May to 8 June, we reconciled the election commitment listing that we had captured with that provided by the incoming government. The first iteration of the election commitments provided by the Liberal Party and the Premier/Treasurer's office was over the period through the 3 to 19 May 2021.

Treasury undertook a detailed reconciliation of the information provided and the Treasury listing of commitments collated during that election period. The Local Community Facilities Fund of \$20 million is included in the listing we received on the 5 May 2021.

The reconciliations were first completed by the 31 May 2021.

On the 12 May 2021, the election outcome was officially announced and the 2021-22 Budget development process commenced effectively at that point.

On the 31 May 2021, the election commitments to be paid in 2021 were identified and the advice we received that some of the election commitments were to be funded prior to the 30 June 2021.

Work commenced on preparing the Financial Management Act approval documentation for the request of additional funds relating to those specific grants I detailed a moment ago.

...

Mr FERRALL - *The full detail of the LCFF grants listing provided by the Premier's Office was provided on the 31 May and it was revised over that period to the 29 June. ...*

We undertook a full reconciliation of the project listings and did things like removing duplications that sometimes commitments can be picked up from various points through the election process and sometimes our list had things which were doubled up. There are also some commitments that were in the Premier's office listing which may have been doubled up before being double counted.

On the 8 June 2021, there was a reconciled list of election commitments which was provided to the Premier/Treasurer. This is a complete listing of all election commitments and proposed cash flows for each commitment and further adjustment occurred during June 2021 through the budget process.

On 21 June 2021, new purpose requests for additional funds were approved by the Governor and later the Treasurer. New purpose RAFs totalling \$4.7 million for election commitments were approved by the Treasurer following the Governor's approval under section 21 (3) of the FMA. The Treasurer approval under section 21 (1) occurred later in the day following the Governor's consideration.

On the 24 June 2021, during the debate in relation to the Supply Bills the then Minister for Finance, the Honourable Michael Ferguson MP, noted funding had already been provided to organisations through the LCFF from the Treasurer's Reserve.

Over the period 28 June to 7 July, the 2021-22 Budget allocations were finalised. That is the 2021-22 Budget allocations including funding for the 2021 election commitments that were reflected in the budget.

On the 29 July 2021 - so that is going back to the earlier comment I made on 20 July - Treasury provided a final listing of the LCFF projects removing all duplications.

The total allocation was \$14.9 million, comprising the \$2.5 million for the grants already paid in 2021 and \$12.4 million to be included in the 2021-22 Budget.

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Mr FERRALL - *... On 30 July 2021, the Preliminary Outcomes Report was published. A summary of expenditure authorised under section 21 of the FMA is disclosed in the*

Preliminary Outcomes Report each year, and that is in the supplementary Estimates summary; you can see in that report.

On 20 August 2021, some additional commitments were identified and raised by the Treasurer's office. Treasury was advised that five commitments were not included in the LCFF commitments listing. These were the Kelso public toilets and parking, the St Helens Pump Track, Bracknell Hall replacement, Australian Rules History and Heritage Museum and the Kingborough basketball stadium. The commitment for Kelso was identified as already funded in the 2021-22 Budget.

Treasury advised that, from the perspective for the 2021-22 Budget, the LCFF was fully allocated to a total of \$14.9 million - that is, the \$12.4 million identified a moment ago and the \$2.5 million.

On 26 August 2021, the 2021-22 Budget was published. On page 42 of Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, Government Services, the following description is provided of the LCFF:

This initiative commenced in June 2020, with total funding of \$14.9 million provided to community, local government and sporting organisations statewide, to improve facilities and capacity to service community needs.

Almost 100 projects received funding prior to 30 June 2021 and the remaining \$12.4 million to be provided in 2021-22. ...

On 23 September 2021, we received advice from the Treasurer's office of additional commitments to be considered as a request for additional funds. The Treasurer's office requested that the remaining commitments identified on 20 August 2021 relating to the St Helens Pump Track, Bracknell Hall replacement, Australian Rules History and Heritage Museum and the Kingborough basketball stadium would need to be considered through existing budget management processes, including RAF processes, as it went forward.

Mr WILLIE - *They became supplementary appropriations, didn't they?*

Mr FERRALL - *They may have. I would need to check that to be certain.*

On 27 October 2021, the Department of Communities Tasmania Annual Report, at note 8.4 to the financial statements, relates to grants and subsidies expenditure and includes a line item for sport and recreation grants. That is \$28.292 million in 2021 and \$20.602 million in 2019-20. The note also includes the following statement:

The Department also provides assistance to sport and recreation organisations in the State. This includes funding for the development of the Northern Regional Tennis Centre, payments for the Local Community Facilities Fund, funding important community programs in regional areas, and the Ticket to Play program - the first sports voucher system for young Tasmanians.

This report was tabled in the House of Assembly on 27 October 2021.

On 28 October 2021, the 2021 Treasurer's Annual Financial Report was tabled and expenditure authorised under section 21 of the FMA is also disclosed in the supplementary Estimates statement summary, in that report. It is in the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report, and this statement is audited by the Tasmanian Audit Office.

On 14 June 2022, the full list of election commitments under the Local Communities Facilities Fund was also tabled in the House of Assembly on 14 June 2022. ...

CHAIR - ... *The Secretary has outlined quite succinctly and clearly ... about the various processes that have occurred with regard to the public release of information related to these funds. However, very rarely is there a particular focus in the Parliament on, say, the Preliminary Outcomes Report, acknowledging there was information there ...*

I would like you to explain to me at what points you believe, Treasurer, there were very clear opportunities for parliamentary scrutiny of the decisions relating to all these election commitments, regardless of the mechanism under which they were funded ...

Mr FERGUSON - ... *First of all, we are having this discussion in the context, if I may put it this way, of a bit of community debate, or debate that has been held in the House of Assembly, which has been reflected in the press and naturally there is curiosity around funding of a range of commitments.*

They are election commitments: they are promises that were made by the Liberal Party organisation during the 2020-21 election. To the extent that the Treasurer's Reserve has been accessed to see early delivery of those commitments before 30 June 2021, I remind the Committee that these were funds that had been approved for use by the Treasurer's Reserve in that previous budget, naturally approved by both Houses of Parliament.

I am not trying to be cute there; but it does point to the fact that we need to dispel one myth that has unfortunately been propagated by some individuals - that this ... has escaped parliamentary approval. That is, of course, not something that you are saying but others have been saying it and I want to make that point.

In regard to scrutiny, it is a fair and reasonable question. The nature of the Treasurer's Reserve is that it is for unanticipated allocations. At the time that the Treasurer's Reserve is approved in the previous budget, there is traditionally an acceptance that there is a need for a resource for the Treasurer of the day to be able to draw from for unanticipated spending decision - as the Secretary has outlined - which in the Treasurer's opinion, to accurately quote the Act, is unforeseen and secondly, is necessary for efficient financial administration.

The scrutiny on individual allocations that may sit within a decision of the Treasurer in allocating the Treasurer's Reserve, is that the Parliament is always able, through usual forms of each House, to be able to understand more about the nature and the detail of those. I was the Finance Minister up until April of this year when I was taking through a supply Bill, which was not intended to cover election promises - because, as you will recall, the budget was delayed last year because of the election. In the context of that

debate and because a question had been asked by the Labor Party at the time, I was able to and willingly and enthusiastically provide the detail.

...

Mr FERGUSON - *... I voluntarily provided information more than one year ago, that the Treasurer's Reserve was appropriately and legally accessed for early delivery of election commitments. At that time, on 24 June 2021, I indicated that 111 of those election commitments had been funded. It surprises me that there wasn't a greater level of interest at that time, given recent debate and interest in the matters. ...*

... it's always the case that if the use of the Treasurer's Reserve is of interest, and MPs or others would like further clarity about the breakdown - for example, that requests for additional funds (RAFs) accessing Treasurer's Reserve are used for - it is entirely obtainable and openly disclosable. ...

CHAIR - *... the Treasurer's Reserve and the funding that is allocated ... is by way of request for additional funding (RAF), which is approved by the Governor, under these circumstances. There was a number that was approved by the Governor that come to the Parliament retrospectively. That's a fair comment, isn't it? That's a clear description of what occurs?*

Mr FERGUSON - *Yes. There's one element missing; that Parliament, in setting the budget in the preceding year, has agreed to an allocation to the Treasurer's Reserve for the Treasurer's use if those two conditions are met: if the Treasurer is of the opinion that those were unforeseen spending decisions, or the need for which could not have been foreseen; and secondly, that the Treasurer is of the view that it is necessary for efficient financial administration.*

So, again, that is a forward-looking approval for the use of the Treasurer, and then it is also disclosable through the Preliminary Outcomes Report, and of course, the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report which is tabled in each House.

CHAIR - *I want to come to that point, ... that the Financial Management Act allows, as you said, the Treasurer to consider the provision of additional funding to agencies through the Treasurer's Reserve for unforeseen and necessary expenditure.*

...

Election commitments seek to provide funds, in this case, to a whole number of organisations. I'm not saying they weren't worthy; but I'm asking you, how you made the point that these were unforeseeable and necessary expenditure for the proper operations of the Government, what test was applied to these local community facilities grants that saw them meet that benchmark of being unforeseen and necessary in this context?

Mr FERGUSON - *... At the time that budget had been established and the parliamentary approval for the budget itself being set, including the Treasurer's Reserve allocation, naturally that was prior to the election. It was also prior to the decision of the Government and the Treasurer at the time, to see as many as possible of election commitments funded as soon as possible.*

If I could bring it to the Committee in this way: after the election result - and looking back, certainly I would sustain this - it was seen as a good thing to see election

commitments being delivered as soon as possible. Often, immediately after the new Government is sworn in, community organisations contact the Government and MPs asking them when can we see the delivery of those promises.

If I can provide that context, that is not only entirely lawful but it was seen at the time as a very good thing to be doing. So much so, that I was quite positive in telling the House of Assembly about it on 24 June [2021]. Nobody has heard any reaction to that until quite recently; and a whole year has gone past. That is why it met that test. If we could have even done more, that would also have been appropriate because they were commitments that were made in the context of an election. People expect the Government to keep their promises and that is exactly what we did - but noting that the bulk of the election commitments were met through the subsequent budget. In four cases, the supplementary appropriation Bill that Mr Willie mentioned earlier did contain the basketball funding and the following budget contained the others.

CHAIR - *Wouldn't it be more appropriate to put all of these into a supplementary appropriation, rather than use a RAF? You still haven't really explained how this meets the test for 'necessary for efficient financial administration', other than convenience. We will come to the assessment process of the projects later; but wouldn't it have been more transparent to put them all in the supply Bill? You brought a supply Bill in before the end of the year; you had time in that period to do that. It wasn't as though there was no time.*

Mr FERGUSON - *... It is very reasonable that another way that this could have been achieved would have been through a supplementary appropriation Bill. It wouldn't have been appropriate to use the supply Bill mechanism. I don't think that is the point you were making; but it wouldn't have fitted within that because the supply Bill has a strict methodology which is applied to it, which is based on the previous financial year. ...*

Another way could have been to do a supplementary appropriation Bill but that would have to be a question.

...

Mr FERGUSON - *... That's another way that could have been achieved. I'm not sure it would have been possible at the time, given that 30 June was approaching quickly. The priority, quite properly, was getting supply organised in time for 30 June, including the time required for Royal Assent.*

I'm not ruling it out as an improved mechanism in future, in terms of an opportunity for parliamentary debate; but I want to take the Committee back to 24 June [2021]. It was universally seen as an unremarkable, uncontroversial thing that the Government of the day and the Treasurer of the time approved election commitments using Treasurer's Reserve earlier, so that those community organisations could see early delivery. There was certainly no sense of anything to hide; so much so that we put it out there and there was no further exploration of the detail.

CHAIR - *There was time. Things can happen quickly when you need. Rather than use an 'after the event' type of approval process, where it has already been approved and basically committed and effectively could be spent through the RAF, to use the*

supplementary appropriation requires the approval of Parliament before it can be expended.

Mr FERGUSON - *I think there are both two different ways that could achieve the same outcome in respect of those 111 of the early delivery, no contest - I wouldn't argue the point at all. I can only put my feet in the shoes of the Treasurer of the day and say, well, here was a mechanism that allowed early delivery, in a lawful and appropriate way, of at least 111 of the Local Community Facilities Fund projects. That was seen at the time as a very good thing and no doubt appreciated by those community organisations; told to the Parliament; uncontroversial; and no follow up.*

I would agree with the previous Treasurer that it was seen as a good thing at the time.

Ms WEBB - *... You're right, the Treasurer's Reserve was approved in the previous Budget as part of the appropriation; but the reason you had to get the Governor's approval was because it was a new purpose. That was the whole requirement behind the Governor's approval being required.*

I'm interested in how these fit the category, as the Chair has already asked. A number of projects in the Local Community Facilities Funds were quickly funded in this way, under the Treasurer's Reserve, and then a whole raft was funded under the subsequent budget that came down in August.

...

Ms WEBB - *What was the distinction between the two groups, that classified some as urgent and needing to be dealt with as a new purpose under the Treasurer's Reserve and signed off by the Governor, while those others were dealt with in the subsequent budget?*

Mr FERGUSON - *... I don't hold that information; but that was a judgment of the Treasurer of the day, in terms of trying to find a way to achieve early delivery of, no doubt, as many of the \$14.9 million of commitments as possible. I am happy to speculate - which is not what I usually do - that it's plausible those 111 were perhaps within the capability of the Department of Communities at the time, to get that number of grants and the paperwork associated with that.*

Perhaps it wouldn't have been possible to do all of them in that time. Potentially, some of the larger ones may have needed some additional time for the Department to get the correct grant deed organised in that time, noting that the election was on 1 May, and the new Government sworn in about 10 days after that. Time was obviously short and the decision was made on that basis.

Can I also, ... let you know if you're interested, we've seen under the current legislation and under the former legislation, Governor's approval for new purpose spending has occurred in 11 out of the last 12 years. There's nothing, in of itself, that's particularly unusual about that. I am letting the Committee know that information as well.

Ms WEBB - *... how many of those 11 times has the Governor provided approval related to election commitments being met as new purpose funding by the new incoming*

*Government? Are there any of those 11 or, in fact, any previous example where that's been the case?*¹⁶

In a response to a question taken on notice with respect to a breakdown of the election commitments by the new incoming Government that the Governor provided approval for as 'new purpose funding' under s 21 (3) of the FMA or equivalent, the following was provided by Hon Michael Ferguson MP:

Prior to 1 July 2019, Governor's approval for expenditure was required under section 11(3) of the Public Account Act 1986 [PAA] for new purpose expenditure.

Additionally, sections 12(1) and 12(2) PAA required the Treasurer to seek Governor's approval prior to approving additional expenditure for works and services other than for a purpose specified in the Schedule to an Appropriation Act then in force. New purpose works and services expenditure was also required to not exceed \$1 000 000 in a given financial year.

In eleven out of the past twelve years the Governor has approved expenditure under section 21 (3) of the FMA or sections 11(3), 12(1) or 12(2) of the PAA.

...

Treasury has reviewed the new purpose RAFs since 2010-11, in the financial year of an election, and the only instances of a RAF, approved by the Governor, being provided for an election commitment are in 2020-21 ... and 2021-22 These election commitments were aimed at supporting local community organisations to upgrade and maintain their facilities and purchase new equipment. The Government took the clear decision to expedite the funding of these commitments to provide much needed economic stimulus to the Tasmanian community as it recovered from the impact of the pandemic, providing work for local business and trades, and we make no apology for doing so.

...

In 2021-22, \$ 100,000 of the \$500,000 for the St Helens Pump Track project was also funded via a RAF, approved by the Governor.

(See [Appendix 1](#) for 'Summary RAFs for purposes approved by the Governor' and [Appendix 2](#) for 'Governor Approved New Purpose RAFs - 2020-21').¹⁷

Committee Findings

- F1. The relevant provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* to fund election commitments from the Treasurer's Reserve were not used to fund election commitments between 2010 and 2020.
- F2. Actual expenditure from the Treasurer's Reserve is only able to be retrospectively scrutinised and approved by the Parliament.

¹⁶ See Transcript of Evidence, [Public Hearings \(28 November 2022\) – \(Deputy Premier Ferguson\)](#), p. 1-11

¹⁷ Letter to Chair from Hon Michael Ferguson MP (Deputy Premier and Treasurer) dated 23 December 2022

- F3. The *Financial Management Act 2016* contains provisions which enable more timely and deliberative Parliamentary scrutiny of the funding of election commitments, such as the introduction of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill.
- F4. The expenditure of funds from the Treasurer's Reserve for the Local Communities Facilities fund was lawful.
- F5. The *Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007* requires the costing of election commitments and it is effectively an opt-in process.
- F6. Some election commitments are not costed by the Department of Treasury and Finance due to being provided too late in the process, and/or providing too little information.

Committee Recommendation

- R1. Outside of the annual budget appropriation bills, when possible, election commitments be funded by way of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, rather than a request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve, to allow for timely deliberative scrutiny by Parliament.

Assessment of Grants to be Funded through Requests for Additional Funding

With regard to the mechanism to assess grants under the Local Communities Facilities Fund, the Committee heard the following at the public hearing:

Mr FERGUSON - ... What I'm saying is that the previous legislation and the current Financial Management Act provide a mechanism that Parliament has ordained that if there is a spending decision that the Treasurer wishes to make, using the Treasurer's Reserve, that if it is an existing purpose – to use the Chair's example, extra health spending - then that's an existing purpose and it doesn't require the Governor's approval. However, for the funding of Local Community Facilities Funds, which was a new purpose, that's why the mechanism under part 21(3) was required in that case.

In both cases, it is still drawn from the same Treasurer's Reserve and still requires the same test be met under 21(1).

Ms WEBB - ... We still haven't clarified exactly how these LCFF grants meet that test. ... Is there documentation that can be provided to the Committee, that would show the decisions made between those two groups of grants?

...

Mr FERRALL - ... I'd have to check whether there is explicit documentation in terms of why they were split up that way; but I can give you some commentary on it.

The Government, at that point, as the current Treasurer indicated, was trying to get as

many election commitments funded as quickly as possible, and that was consistent with their position at the election.

Regarding the specific LCFF funding: we worked with [Department of] Communities to identify those ones which were relatively contained and simple in terms of grant deeds and requirements, because they needed to provide them as grants to those organisations. There was work done to work through which ones could be delivered by Communities relatively quickly, which is how that approximately 100 were identified.

I'm not aware of any particular documentation going through each one saying 'this one could, and this one couldn't', and why; but certainly, it was about those ones which were. And they are largely of relatively small dollar value as well when you look in table.

Ms WEBB - *I do note, though, that there is a mixed bag. You have some funded in the Treasurer's Reserve, up to an amount of, say, \$78 000, I recall; but I could be wrong. Then, you have others funded later in the budget with a lesser amount than that, for example.*

It doesn't seem there was a straightforward line applied - amounts under X, will be funded this way, amounts over X, the other way.

Mr FERRALL - *No, it wouldn't have been simply a dollar level, but the dollar level would have had an implication for it.*

CHAIR - *If it wasn't the dollar amount, how were these projects assessed to be appropriate to be funded - particularly through this measure, through use of a RAF, which, as we have said, is for our efficient financial administration? What test was applied, other than being an election commitment? How did you assess the community benefit; or is that not your job?*

Mr FERGUSON - *Chair, I think I can help the Committee. I'll share with the Committee some information that I've been provided with, which has been publicly released as part of a Right to Information request. I commend that document to the Committee to answer that particular question from Ms Webb, and now from yourself...*

...

Mr FERGUSON - *....To answer the question - the way that the first 111 were determined - they were assessed as being Stage 1, and I'll read the sentence:*

There are 111 total value \$2,465,397 assessed as being Stage 1, that we will work with in the first instance to have completed prior to 30 June 2021, subject to the client completing the grant requirements.

and here is the key sentence:

These 111 grant recipients are most likely to be able and ready to complete the grant process and deliver on the grant project objectives, without the need to negotiate conditions precedent and additional risk mitigation strategies, such as, KPIs, payment instalments and progress reports within a short lead time.

The email then goes on to discuss Stages 2 and 3; it's very brief:

Those assessed as Stage 2 and 3 have been placed in these stages for one, or more of the following reasons: large complex projects, multiple parties involved; extensive planning, safety, or compliance requirements, et cetera.

and the second dot point:

High value grants, \$100,000, or more, require audited financials as per Treasurer's Instructions, FC12, clause 12.9; and over \$500,000 with a project value of \$5 million, or more, requiring a Tasmanian Industry Participation Plan, clause 12.10.

I hope that's useful, because that indicates that there was a methodology for establishing the different strata of grants where Stage 1 is, perhaps, of the most interest to the Committee - being those 111 election commitments that didn't meet those Stages 2 and 3 criteria.

Ms WEBB - *I do note in that RTI ... there are three redacted dot points there, under the list of what [could] be one of the following reasons for being placed in stages 2 or 3. Clearly, there is still some lack of clarity about exactly how this sorting out was done, that we can't tell from this RTI document.*

Mr FERGUSON - *Well, I'm sharing with you information that deals categorically with the Stage 1. The redactions are determined not by me, but by the independent person - ...*

Mr FERGUSON - *... I would be loath to comment, but there are often redactions only based on the scope of the RTI that is requested. I'm happy for the Secretary to elaborate to whatever extent he would like to, or is able to.*

Mr FERRALL - *... I would not comment on what has been redacted, other than to say it is generally a question of scope. So, if the particular matters are outside of scope they would be redacted in terms of an RTI; but these are matters that our RTI officer has determined as appropriate to be redacted in accordance with the [Right to Information] Act.¹⁸*

In response to a question on notice, the following reasons for why some election commitments had been assessed as being either at Stage 2 or Stage 3 were disclosed:

Those assessed as stage 2 and 3 have been placed in these stages for one or more of the following reasons:

- *Large complex projects (multiple parties involved, extensive planning; safety or compliance requirements, etc)*

¹⁸ See Transcript of Evidence, [Public Hearings \(28 November 2022\) – \(Deputy Premier Ferguson\)](#), p.11-14

- *High value grants (\$100,000 or more, require audited financials as per Treasures Instructions FC-12, clause 12.9 and over \$500,000 with a project value of \$5 million or more require a Tasmanian Industry Participation Plan, clause 12.10)*
- *High risk projects (Require additional funding or support, require intense client management, safety, potential negative community perception, etc)*
- *High risk recipients with a history of poor project management, compliance and/or current commitments are yet to be finalised*
- *Infrastructure projects where the asset or land impacted is not owned by the nominated recipient.*¹⁹

At the public hearing, the Committee heard the following;

Mr FERRALL - *Can I make one clarifying comment as well?*

...

Mr FERRALL - *This documentation relates to the process that Treasury was working with Communities Tasmania; but the judgments and decisions behind this were made by Communities Tasmania, not by Treasury. So, you are aware of that.*

...

Ms WEBB - *We still haven't really come to an understanding of what the urgency was in delivering these 111 through this mechanism, and how that represented meeting the criteria that is in the Act. That's particularly since my understanding of what is now in the public domain, in terms of the letter that went back to successful applicants from the Liberal Party during the campaign period, said in the final sentence:*

Should a Liberal Government be re-elected, funding will be allocated as part of this year's State Budget process.

So, an expectation had been provided to the recipients of these grants, that their funding would come through the State Budget process.

To return to the question that we've already asked, but haven't yet really received clarity on, how does this meet the requirements in the act in terms of an urgent need to be funded prior to the Budget?

Mr FERGUSON - *... It's quite simple. It's an enthusiasm by the Government to see as many election commitments being honoured at the soonest possible time, noting that a stratification was determined, a methodology, to allow different levels of grants to be considered in stages; noting that those first stage grants had the greater likelihood to be able to be completed in that time and for the organisations to deliver on them.*

There was, at the time, no concern or qualms by either side of politics about the merits of getting election commitments funded as soon as possible.

Ms WEBB - *Were all 111, that were funded in this manner, publicly announced during the election campaign, or in the period after the election campaign, and put into the public domain?*

¹⁹ Letter to Chair from Hon Michael Ferguson MP (Deputy Premier and Treasurer) dated 23 December 2022

Mr FERGUSON - That's certainly my understanding. The Liberal Party advertised our policies and we made local announcements. There's plenty of evidence for that. Each commitment was made by the Liberal Party organisation and letters provided to the recipient organisations. Then, in office, which then comes back the use of the public account, we have worked very hard to deliver them as early as possible.

Ms WEBB - I'm asking you to confirm that all 111 were announced publicly. A letter to the organisation isn't a public announcement. Were they put on the Liberal Party website, for example? Were they announced through traditional media? Were they announced as Facebook announcements on individual candidate's pages? Can you guarantee that all 111 were publicly announced?

Mr FERGUSON - They were Liberal Party of Australia, the Tasmanian division, campaign commitments. I'm not going to deviate from the terms of reference of this Committee or my role as Treasurer on this matter. Commitments and promises were made and widely advertised. As for the detail and the conduct of the Liberal Party's campaign, that's not the role in which I'm appearing here today, but I'm very confident in relation to the public disclosure of those announcements.

Ms WEBB - I'm asking those questions to try to establish context because, in funding it through the Treasurer's Reserve, that also wasn't detailed in an itemised way at the time that it was mentioned as part of the supply Bill discussion on 24 June that the LCFF was mentioned.

It's not clear though, that each of those 111 being funded were things that had individually been publicly announced. They weren't publicly announced then as part of the parliamentary discussion. We've arrived at knowing about the 111 through subsequent investigations and RTI processes and then, finally, tabling in response to those.

I'm trying to track public visibility.

Mr FERGUSON - I'm loath to take up the debate or the line of questioning in relation to the election campaign because that is outside my role as Treasurer and outside the terms of reference of this Committee. However, I am comfortable that the Secretary has already, in the chronology and the time line, outlined that Treasury watch out for and collate their own list of election commitments.

I've been clear with you in an earlier answer that I'm very confident of the public disclosure of our election promises - because that's the very point. The Liberal Party, and so do other parties, make commitments and we want people to know about them so that they will see the merits of a re-election of our particular party.

I'm happy for the chronology to be on the public record there with your Committee. While Treasury and Finance do not play any role in the election other than costing policies that are submitted, they quietly gather commitments that are made by all parties and candidates so that there is a clear record, after the election, so that Treasury can assist the new Government with delivery.

I am confident on it. I don't want to seem evasive about it because I'm not; but I'm not going to spend any time going through the selection of projects during the caretaker period, because that was done by the Liberal Party campaign and policy team.

Ms WEBB - *I'm glad that you mentioned the costing by Treasury, because the next question that flows on is: of the 111, how many were costed? Perhaps this is a question for the Secretary. You mentioned Treasury costed various policies put forward during the election.*

Was the LCFF in total, and were individual grants promised under it, costed during the election period?

Mr FERRALL - *I will have to go back and check the records from that period.*

...

Mr FERRALL - *My recollection is that not every one would have been costed, because some of them were identified or released late in the election costing process. We are unable to cost policies that are submitted late in the process, or sometimes we are unable to cost policies that might have insufficient information to enable us to cost. My recollection is that not every one would have been costed because of lateness; but I need to check back to be certain.*

...

Mr FERGUSON - *... I'm reminded that some promises were announced in a policy document at a full press conference; others were announced with a media release sent to papers or small regional papers; some were announced on social media; and others were by providing in writing to the relevant organisation. It was made clear to the organisation that the promise that was made to this or that organisation was made on the basis of the Liberal Party being returned to Government.*

I am hearing that we will happily take the costings question on notice. Would you like us to do that?

Ms WEBB - *Yes, I would like to know about the costings, especially because there are comments in the public domain from previous treasurer, Peter Gutwein, that 'we have submitted each and every one of our policies to Treasury to be fully costed', so it would be good to understand which of these have been costed.*

Mr FERGUSON - *We had a policy for Local Community Facilities Fund and we will take that on notice and provide the detail back to the Committee, noting the comments that have already been made by the secretary in relation to some of the qualifiers there.*²⁰

In replying to a question on notice with respect to the '111 projects referred to in the public hearing, how many were costed prior to the 2021 election by Treasury', the following response was provided by Hon Michael Ferguson MP:

²⁰ See Transcript of Evidence, [Public Hearings \(28 November 2022\) – \(Deputy Premier Ferguson\)](#), p.14-17

Election policies that were costed by Treasury were publicly announced commitments where a request was made by the then Premier or Leader of an Opposition Party in accordance with the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007.

The Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007 provides a framework to improve fiscal policy outcomes by requiring a process for costing the election policies of parties represented in the House of Assembly.

Section 14 of the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007 requires the public release of the costings of such election policies. Treasury fulfilled its obligations under the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007 by releasing the costings on its website during the lead up to the 2021 State election. These remained available until the outcome of the election was known.

...

Some of the policy costing requests received from the Tasmanian Liberal Party were in a consolidated form, including some with recurring funding over multiple years. Unlike formal policies, the Local Community Facilities Fund was a collation of small individual promises made by individual candidates for the Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmania Division) to provide funding by way of a grant deed to local organisations to upgrade their facilities, make repairs and purchase new equipment, thereby providing much needed economic stimulus for the construction industry and local trades.

As noted by the Secretary in the hearing on 28 November, commitments that involved the provision of a one-off grant deed to an organisation can only be costed insofar that the cost is the value of the grant deed. As such, and as indicated by the Secretary, there is no value in submitting such commitments for costing.

These commitments were therefore not regarded as Policy and not submitted to Treasury for costing, but the total cost of these grants was included under Community Services and Development, in the Liberal Party's published Financial Policy. As a courtesy to the Committee, I enclose a copy of the Party's Financial Policy for the Committee's information, which is publicly available on the Tasmanian Division website.²¹

See:

- Attachment A – Publicly Announced Commitments Costed by Treasury
- Attachment B – 2020-21 Local Community Facilities Fund Initiatives
- Attachment C – Liberal Party 2021 Election Policy – Financial Policy, and
- Attachment D – Election Policy Costings Unable to be Costed

Committee Findings

F7. The grants related to 2021 election commitments funded by way of request for additional funding from the Treasurer's Reserve, were those deemed most likely to be ready and able to complete the process and deliver on project objectives within a short lead time.

²¹ Letter to Chair from Hon Michael Ferguson MP (Deputy Premier and Treasurer) dated 23 December 2022

F8. The quantum of the grant related to 2021 election commitments was considered in the assessment of when and how the grant would be funded, but was not a determining factor

Public Disclosure of Election Commitments

With regard to the public visibility of election commitments and the costing of such commitments, the following evidence was provided at the public hearing:

Ms WEBB - *The other question that I will return to and you have just mentioned, there were potentially a variety of ways that things were announced during the election campaign.*

I would like to know, with regard to each of these, if they were publicly announced and if so, which of those methods that you outlined were in use at the time.

Mr FERRALL - *In respect of the election costing period, one of the requirements of the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act in terms of costing is that for a party to submit an election commitment to Treasury for costing, it must have been publicly announced. Anything that comes to Treasury for costing, must have been publicly announced; it is a requirement of the Act.*

The second part of it is, that through that election costing period, Treasury releases all policies which it costs, so they are publicly available and put out on the website; but we also do a reconciliation effectively at the end of that period which identifies all policies submitted to Treasury that were unable to be costed and basically, I make a statement at that point which indicates that they were unable to be costed either due to insufficient time or due to insufficient information. All of that has been made public, which is why I am quite comfortable to be able to get that and provide that to the Committee.

...

Mr FERRALL - *... It is actually very important through the election costing period that all parties can be confident that Treasury will only deal with that information on a totally confidential basis. So, we are very careful to ensure that parties can have confidence that we are dealing with everything that comes in, in a totally appropriate manner, because the election costing process would not work, unless all parties could be confident that [we] were dealing with it quite appropriately.*

CHAIR - *All parties being political parties?*

Mr FERRALL - *Political parties.*

Ms WEBB - *To clarify, it's not compulsory for parties to put forward matters for costing, so it's up to them the degree to which they put forward their policy suite or details within that.*

Mr FERRALL - *Correct.*

CHAIR - Can I clarify, Tony? You said that you only approve ones that have been publicly announced.

Mr FERRALL - It's a requirement of the act that they're publicly announced.

CHAIR - However, not necessarily costed beforehand?

Mr FERRALL - Correct.

Ms WEBB - Can I clarify what 'publicly announced' means in that context? As Treasury, what do you regard that to be.

CHAIR - I think the Minister went through that list.

Ms WEBB - The Minister read out ways that the Liberal Party announced policies during the campaign, but I'm checking about Treasury applying that criteria of something being publicly announced therefore can be costed. What meets the criteria of 'publicly announced'?

Mr FERRALL - Part of the costing request with the parties is to indicate that it has been publicly announced; and they tend to then identify how that may have been done, so it could be on a publicly available website, it could be publication in a newspaper. For many election commitments it's in multiple forums and multiple places. At an extreme end it could be an announcement made at a public event, that may be documented or supported. We do the best we can to attempt to identify that it has been publicly announced.

Ms WEBB - A Facebook post would qualify there?

Mr FERRALL - If it's a public Facebook post, it would.

...

Mr WILLIE - Treasurer, we have talked a lot about the Financial Management Act, and Treasury's role in the administration of funds. I have no criticism of Tony's department, I think they are doing everything they are supposed to do. However, what is of public interest is how these decisions were made. As Treasurer, you're ultimately accountable to the Parliament, when talking about public money. Who was involved in the decision-making of the Liberal Party election commitments?

Mr FERGUSON - ... as I indicated earlier, I am not going to exceed the terms of reference of this Committee nor my role as Treasurer. I'm happy to discuss in any level of detail the Committee may require as to the actual use of the Public Account, the decisions that were made under the FMA. I am quite comfortable dealing with the false allegations from the Labor Party that somehow the Treasurer's Reserve has been inappropriately used, because those claims have been thoroughly debunked. However, in terms of the election campaign, the caretaker period and the fact that the campaign by both our respective parties is managed by the organisation, then that's the answer to the question. I have been very clear about it already.

Mr WILLIE - There's no detail in the public domain, Treasurer, about how these decisions were made, and it is of public interest. You are ultimately responsible to the Parliament and I think you should answer these questions.

Mr FERGUSON - ...with respect, as you know, I am comfortable going into any level of detail as is of interest to the Committee in terms of the use of the Public Account.

Election policies are a function of the Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmania Division, and its campaign team. The Premier and I, in the House of Assembly, have also been clear about the fact that Policy Committee makes the judgments not just about the Local Community Facilities Fund but our many other policies, all of which - as you know - have been submitted for costing during that period. However, I'm not going to entertain your questions about internal Liberal Party Division matters and policy formation committees. That's of no legitimate interest to you.

Mr WILLIE - What criteria were used to make the decisions, Treasurer, and how were sporting groups and community organisations informed of the process so they could participate?

Mr FERGUSON - I'm happy to speak broadly; but I will reiterate my previous answer, with respect to you. Your Committee would be aware of its terms of reference. I'm very comfortable saying again, that our Liberal Party is highly connected to the Tasmanian community - city and country areas; sporting groups and not for profits; health and education and public safety organisations. We are very proud of the election manifesto that we put forward, because it was about strengthening Tasmania's future and looking after our future prosperity. Community organisations came to the Liberal Party members and candidates and ultimately the party made decisions about our policies and they've been publicly announced and, on forming Government, they have been funded.

I'm not prepared to share with you the internal deliberations of the Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmania Division campaign.

Mr WILLIE - Well, perhaps you'll answer this: to give the public some confidence about how the decisions were made, how were conflicts of interest managed?

Mr FERGUSON - I refer you to the Premier's answers in Parliament. Again, your use of those words is of interest - looking for a headline. The Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmania Division, carefully worked through proposals that were brought forward either by candidates or by individual organisations. As a political participant, Mr Willie, you'd be more than aware that during campaigns we get approached by a range of organisations with their various requests, and all of us do our best to accommodate those requests within a responsible financial envelope.

Mr WILLIE - Treasurer, we are talking about public funding here, not the Liberal Party's money. Were any conflicts of interest declared through your internal process?

Mr FERGUSON - ... I'm very conscious of my responsibility as Treasurer. I've been Treasurer since April [2022]. I've been extremely diligent to be providing levels of detail to the Parliament and to the community that satisfies a lot of interest.

Acting responsibly is my motto here, and doing everything that's proper. I refute the use of your language and the claims that you've made there. It's just a rehash of what we heard in the House of Assembly.

Mr WILLIE - It's a simple process question, Treasurer.

CHAIR - Treasurer, as you would be aware, the Public Accounts Committee has a broad remit to follow where the money goes and the decision-making that leads to that expenditure.

I asked the question earlier, and it still hasn't really been answered, as to what is the process to determine how decisions are made about which group will get funding and what criteria they are assessed against?

Mr FERGUSON - In terms of the Liberal Party during caretaker period, where the Liberal Party organisation is in a battle with other political parties - Liberal, Labor, the Greens, and others - each party comes up with its own policies, and makes its own determinations about its spending priorities that it would make if it were elected to office. That is a well understood fact by members of this Committee and the wider community. In terms of the actual use of the Public Account, I'm more than happy to provide any level of detail as is requested.

CHAIR - The use of the Public Account comes from Government decisions around expenditure, that's where the question comes from. ...

Dr BROAD - The Secretary talked about an appropriation, or the RAF that was \$4.7 million on 21 June. Now, \$2.5 million was for the Local Community Facilities Fund (LCFF). Was the LCFF the only part of that request out of the Treasurer's Reserve that required specific Governor's approval in writing?

Mr FERRALL - No.

Dr BROAD - So all of that \$4.7 million required a specific approval from the Governor?

CHAIR - New purpose funding.

Mr FERGUSON - Yes. ...

...

CHAIR - I want to ask the Secretary of the Treasurer how you actually cost election commitments when they come to you? Some of them don't have enough details, some you don't have time for, but how do you make that assessment?

Mr FERRALL - It's probably worthwhile commenting. In respect of a grant to a particular organisation, there's virtually nothing we can do, in terms of costing. If a party

has decided to make a \$5,000 grant to X organisation, then the cost is \$5,000. We don't do a lot of work in terms of trying to cost those particular election commitments.

If it is a broader election commitment, which might involve additional resourcing for a particular activity, we attempt to work through whether the cost of that is reasonable and appropriate. If a party had indicated that it was looking to put on 100 additional nurses, we would look to the approximate estimate of a cost of a nurse per annum, and work through whether the funding allocated was reasonable in terms of 100 nurses, on costs, et cetera. It depends on the nature of the election commitment, how much effort or work we need to put in to come up with a costing of it.

CHAIR - *There's no community benefit test, that you apply?*

Mr FERRALL - *No. We don't. Our role is simply to cost the election commitments. It is not to make judgments about why a party may have made an election commitment.*

...

Mr WILLIE - *Back to the decision-making, Treasurer. Was it elected members of Parliament making these decisions, or was it unelected staff of the Liberal Party making these decisions?*

...

Mr FERGUSON - *... With respect to the Committee, I do understand the interest in these matters, and I have been very forthcoming - and the Secretary as well, with my support - to provide as much detail as is required. However, I'm simply not going to allow this process to get bound up in exploring how the Liberal Party during a caretaker period, and through the Party organisation, might develop its policies. It would equally be the case if you were asking the questions about the Labor Party. It's just not the role of the Treasurer today to be explored on those matters.*

Mr WILLIE - *It is your role to defend the process, Minister, and we are talking about public funding here. Good scrutiny around that is appropriate.*

Mr FERGUSON - *...The Liberal Party fought the election with the Labor Party and the Greens, and other parties as well. We all understand that. Promises were made. Commitments were funded, once the Government had been elected.*

I do appreciate, I really do, that the Public Accounts Committee has an interest in the use of the Treasurer's Reserve, for the Stage 1, 111 projects, and I'm doing my best to satisfy the Committee's interest in this area. However, I'm just not in a position to allow this process - and I've been consistent in the House of Assembly last week as well - I'm just not prepared to engage in an exploration of internal decisions of the Liberal Party during a caretaker period in an election campaign. It's just not how it works.²²

²² See Transcript of Evidence, [Public Hearings \(28 November 2022\) – \(Deputy Premier Ferguson\)](#), p.17-22

Committee Findings

- F9. The costing of election commitments/policies under the *Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007* can only be undertaken once they have been publicly announced.
- F10. What constitutes a public announcement of election commitments/policies is not defined and has a very broad application in practice.
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Appendix 1 – Summary of RAFs for Purposes approved by the Governor

Year	<i>Public Account Act 1986</i>			FMA	Total \$'000s
	s. 11(3) \$'000s	s. 12(1) \$'000s	s. 12(2) \$'000s	s. 21(3) \$'000s	
2010-11	-	21 808	56		21 864
2011-12	3 100	42 572	-		45 672
2012-13	1 798	12 093	-		13 891
2013-14	1 041	19 706	-		20 747
2014-15	9 250	1 670	-		10 920
2015-16	-	3 540	110		3 650
2016-17	-	3 121	-		3 121
2017-18	2 741	-	258		2 999
2018-19	-	7 809	3 996		11 805
2019-20				-	-
2020-21				4 716	4 716
2021-22				14 446	14 446
Total	17 930	112 319	4 420	19 162	153 831

Appendix 2 – Governor Approved New Purpose RAFs (2020-21)

	\$'000
<i>Department of Communities Tasmania</i>	
Local Community Facilities Fund ²³	
Local Community Development (Output 4.3)	1 015
Sport and Recreation (Output 4.7)	1 338
Veterans' Affairs (Output 4.6)	113
Total – Department of Communities Tasmania	2 466
<i>Department of Health</i>	
Hobart Clinic Redevelopment	2 000
Total – Department of Health	2 000
<i>Department of State Growth</i>	
No Interest Loans Scheme – Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy	250
Total – Department of State Growth	250
TOTAL	4 716

²³ See [Attachment A](#) for a breakdown of all items funded via a new purpose RAF under the Local Community Facilities Fund

Summary of Attachments

Attachment A	Publicly Announced Commitments Costed by Treasury
Attachment B	2020-21 Local Community Facilities Fund Initiatives
Attachment C	Liberal Party 2021 Election Policy – Financial Policy
Attachment D	Election Policy Costings Unable to be Costed

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting an all-abilities playground for Beauty Point
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	18 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will contribute \$5,000 towards an all-abilities playground in Beauty Point.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7213838/election-promise-not-just-swings-and-roundabouts/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	5	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Burnie Rugby Club
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	15 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$5,000 to assist the Burnie Rugby Club to purchase new spectator seating.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/anitadowbraddon/photos/a.911016472379882/1977229749091877/?type=3&theater
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	5	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Community Legal Centres Tasmania
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$50,000 for three years to support the work of Community Legal Centres Tasmania.
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	50	50	50	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Glenorchy Knights
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	3 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$155,000 to support pitch upgrades at Prince of Wales Bay.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/EllaHaddadMP/photos/a.1483125605077159/4005226946200333/?type=3
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	155	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Kentish House
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	13 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$400,000 for upgrades to Kentish House
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=293275248830945&set=pb.100044454158726.-2207520000.&type=3
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	400	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting South Burnie Bowls Club
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	06 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$3,000 to assist the South Burnie Bowls Club to purchase a defibrillator
Link to public release of policy	Labor pledges to buy defibrillator for South Burnie Bowls Club if it wins 2021 election | The Advocate | Burnie, TAS
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	3	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	13 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$180,000 to the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7208157/labor-commits-180k-to-aboriginal-elders-council/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	180	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Gagebrook community
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	4 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$500,000 to support the redevelopment of Cris Fitzpatrick Park.
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/new-park-new-outlook-for-gagebrook-as-labor-commits-to-delivering-on-infrastructure-for-local-communities/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	500	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the George Town Neighbourhood House
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	20 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$150,000 to support vital upgrades to the George Town Neighbourhood House.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/MichelleOByrneMP/posts/1742866365917857?__tn__=-R
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	150	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	15 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$225,000 to support the redevelopment of the Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/SimonDavisALP/videos/vb.100106268855670/487395612454775/?type=3&theater
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	225	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Hobart Community Legal Centre
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$200,000 for three years to support the work of the Hobart Community Legal Centre.
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	200	200	200	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Lauderdale Yacht Club
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	18 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$40,000 to the Lauderdale Yacht Club for new equipment
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/AlisonStandenMP/videos/270751531380445/?__so__=channel_tab&__rv__=all_videos_card
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	40	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Launceston Community Legal Centre
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$200,000 for three years to support the work of the Launceston Community Legal Centre.
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	200	200	200	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the North West Community Legal Centre
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$200,000 for three years to support the work of the North West Community Legal Centre
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	200	200	200	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Railton Bowls Club
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	15 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will contribute \$44,000 to the Railton Bowls Club for important upgrades to their facilities.
Link to public release of policy	Jen Butler MP - Such a lovely group of people. I am honoured to... | Facebook
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	44	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Ravenswood Community and Sports Centre
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	9 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will contribute \$100,000 to the Ravenswood Community and Sports Centre for important upgrades to their facilities.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7203003/ravenswood-community-centre-promised-100k-upgrade/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	100	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Salvation Army's Street to Home program
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide a grant of \$80,000 to support the Street to Home program.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.facebook.com/AlisonStandenMP/videos/180049797289195/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	80	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Salvation Army's Street to Home project in Launceston
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	20 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will contribute \$80,000 to the Salvation Army's Street to Home project in Launceston.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7215746/80k-boost-to-help-launcestonians-sleeping-rough/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	80	....	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$200,000 for three years to support the work of the Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	200	200	200	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Tenants' Union
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$200,000 for three years to support the work of the Tenants' Union
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	200	200	200	....	....

Other relevant information

The three year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Women's Legal Service Tasmania
Person requesting costing	Marcus Atkinson Nominated contact person, Australian Labor Party
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Labor Government will provide \$700,000 for four years to support the work of the Women's Legal Service Tasmania.
Link to public release of policy	https://taslabor.com/labor-will-provide-permanent-post-covid-funding-to-community-legal-sector-to-ensure-access-to-legal-representation/
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	700	700	700	700	....

Other relevant information

The four year timeframe used in this costing is based on information in the Labor Party costing request.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	19 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5 million over three years to implement the Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan; • \$3 million over two years for the Advanced Manufacturing Accelerating Growth Grants program; • \$600,000 over two years for the Tender Incentive Grant Program; • a \$600,000 interest free loan for three years for the PFG Group to build an ultra-durable High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) prototype vessel for the defence sector; • \$500,000 over three years to the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council (TMEC) to support the advanced manufacturing sector; and • \$900,000 over three years to support the Tasmanian Defence Advocate.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-boosting-our-advanced-manufacturing-and-defence-industries
Related Policies (if applicable)	Supporting Local Jobs at INCAT

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase
Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan	1 800	1 750	1 450	....
Advanced Manufacturing Accelerating Growth Grants	1 500	1 500	....	....
Tender Incentive Program	300	300	....	....
PFG - No interest loan ¹	12	12	12	....
TMEC Industry Advancement	200	150	150	....
Tasmanian Defence Advocate	300	300	300	....
Total		4 112	4 012	1 912	



Other relevant information

Note 1:

The cost of this commitment is directly linked to the interest rate that will be applied when the funds are borrowed. The interest rate will be based on prevailing conditions in financial markets at that time.

The 2020-21 Budget assumed a cost of borrowing over the Budget and Forward Estimates of 1.35%.

The current allocation included in the Liberal Party election commitment for the PFG Group no interest loan for a period of three years (as shown in the table above) is consistent with Treasury's estimate of the likely cost of debt over the period.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Arts and our Creative Industries
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	9 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	14 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an additional \$1.2 million per annum for four years to provide operational assistance to support our vibrant artists and arts organisations; and an additional \$200 000 for a small grants program to support Tasmanian artists returning to the 'gig economy'.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-arts-and-our-creative-industries
Related Policies (if applicable)	Event Support and Attraction Fund

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Cultural and Creative Industry Operational Assistance	1 200	1 200	1 200	1 200
Artists returning to the 'Gig Economy' grants	200	....	....	....
Total	1 400	1 200	1 200	1 200

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Boost Export Confidence and Opportunity Through Trade
Date of public release of policy	22 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	<p>A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$6 million to boost export confidence and opportunity through trade including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3.75 million over three years to undertake initiatives under the Tasmanian Trade Strategy and complementary Annual Trade Action Plans; and \$2.25 million for the continuation and expansion of overseas Business Development Managers to assist industry to capture export opportunities.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-boosting-export-confidence-and-opportunity-through-trade
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Tasmanian Trade Strategy 2019-2025	150	1 250	1 250	1 100
International Business Development Managers	750	750	750
Total	150	2 000	2 000	1 850

Other relevant information

The Tasmanian Trade Strategy and International Business Development Managers are currently funded until June 2022. Funding in this costing is for the three years following the cessation of that allocation.

The Liberal Party costing request states that the funding allocation for the Tasmanian Trade Strategy includes \$300,000 for a trade strategy to maximise New Zealand air freight opportunities.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

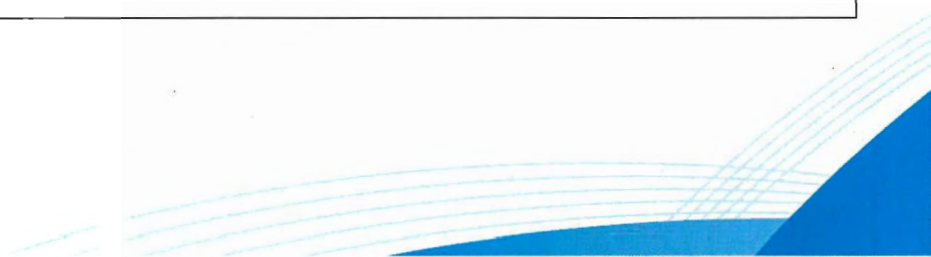
Name of policy	Building a Bright Future for Hospitality
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	23 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	27 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide \$8 million to support our hospitality sector, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$600,000 to support women in leadership; • \$600,000 for mental health and wellbeing support; • \$1 million to establish a Regional Hospitality Revival Fund; • \$2.4 million over three years for the Great Customer Experience program; • \$1.15 million over four years to continue to support Clubs, Sporting Clubs and RSLs; and • \$2.25 million over three years to continue to support workforce development across the hospitality sector.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-building-bright-future-hospitality
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Promoting Women in Industry and Leadership	150	150	150	150
Mental Health and Wellbeing	400	200	....	....
Regional Hospitality Revival Fund	1 000	....	....	....
Great Customer Experience	800	800	800
Supporting Clubs, Sporting Clubs and RSLs	100	350	350	350
Building Skills and Workforce Development	750	750	750
Total	1 650	2 250	2 050	2 050

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Building our Fisheries
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	12 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will support our fisheries sector by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing \$1 million each year for two years for a Wild Fisheries Action Plan; • invest \$250,000 over two years to support emerging marine industries; • provide \$250,000 over two years to assist with the development of Aboriginal cultural fisheries; • provide \$350,000 for immediate oyster industry levy relief; and • deliver \$150,000 over three years for the Tasmanian Seafood Trials site.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-building-our-fisheries
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue - (decrease)	(350)	....	....	....
Expenses - increase					
Wild Fisheries Action Plan	1 000	1 000	....	....
Emerging Marine Industry Support	125	125	....	....
Aboriginal Cultural Fisheries	125	125	....	....
Tasmanian Seafood Trial site	50	50	50	....
Total	1 300	1 300	50	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Building Stronger Communities
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	21 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$175,000 per annum for three years to increase funding to Tasmanian Men's Sheds Associations; • \$60,000 over three years for Carers Week community grants; • \$300,000 over three years to Volunteering Tasmania; • \$125,000 to the Council of the Ageing to commence consultation on the review of our Active Ageing Strategy 2017-2022; • \$2.76 million over three years to continue the increased level of peak body funding for community peak organisations; • \$315,000 over three years for young Tasmanian programs; • \$210,000 over three years for LGBTIQ+ grants to support community organisations to increase acceptance of diversity, access to services and participation for LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-building-stronger-communities
Related Policies (if applicable)	Delivering Local Jobs for Local People - Jobs Hubs Supporting our Multicultural Communities

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association	175	175	175	....
Carers Grant Program	20	20	20	....
Volunteering Tasmania	100	100	100	....
Council of the Ageing - Active Ageing Strategy Review	125	....	....	....
Peak Body Funding	900	921	941	....
Youth Package	105	105	105	....
LGBTIQ+ Grants	70	70	70	....
Total	1 495	1 391	1 411	

Other relevant information

N/A

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Creating a "High Vis" Army
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	11 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	14 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide \$1 million each per annum, over four years to the Civil Contractors Federation and Master Builders Tasmania to attract more workers to the industry and encourage Tasmanians to pursue careers in the industry.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/11/unleashing-high-vis-army-build-our-future
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Civil Contractors Federation	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Master Builders Tasmania	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Total	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Delivering Affordable, Reliable Clean Energy
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	27 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> invest \$100,000 to establish Bell Bay as one of the nation's recognised Hydrogen Hubs; provide \$2 million over four years to boost the No Interest Loan Scheme's Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Scheme; and allocate \$3 million to re-establish and administer the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (TEELS).
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-delivering-affordable-reliable-clean-energy
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Bell Bay Hydrogen Hub	100	....	....	....
NILS Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Program	500	500	500	500
Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (TEELS) ¹	1 500	1 500	....	....
Total	2 100	2 000	500	500

Other relevant information

Note 1:

This Liberal Party costing assumes that the estimated cost of this initiative is based upon a third party engagement to administer and deliver the Scheme.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Delivering for the Dover and the Far South Community
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	6 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver a \$1 million upgrade of the Dover Medical Centre; • provide a \$3 million upgrade to the Hastings Thermal Pool; • invest \$3 million for the Cockle Creek camping grounds upgrade; and • provide \$430,000 to rebuild a new Port Esperance Sailing Club.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-delivering-dover-and-far-south-community
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Dover Medical Centre grant	500	500	....	....
Port Esperance Sailing Club	430	....	....	....
Total	930	500	....	....
Capital Purchases - increases ¹					
Hastings Thermal Pool	1 500	1 500	....	....
Cockle Creek camping grounds	1 500	1 500	....	....
Total	3 000	3 000	....	....

Note:

1. Capital purchases reflect the purchase or construction of assets.

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Delivering Land Tax Relief for Landowners and Shackies
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	15 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	16 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will reduce land tax rates for Tasmanians and introduce a Foreign Investor Land Tax Surcharge on residential properties, as part of our plan to modernise land tax arrangements.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-delivering-land-tax-relief-landowners-and-shackies
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue - increase	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500
Revenue - (decrease)					
Significant Land Tax Offset	(1 500)	(1 500)	(1 500)	(1 500)
Penalty Interest Rate Reduction and Bill Smoothing Provision	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Threshold Modernisation	(14 100)	(14 100)	(14 100)	(14 100)
Net Impact ¹	(14 600)	(14 600)	(14 600)	(14 600)

Other relevant information

Note 1:

The current allocation included in the Liberal Party election policy titled - Delivering Land Tax Relief for Landowners and Shackies (as shown in the table above) is consistent with Treasury's estimate of the likely cost of the land tax policy.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Delivering Local Jobs for Local People – Job Hubs
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	30 March 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10.6 million establish new Job Hubs at Burnie, Brighton, Huonville and St Helens and expand the operations of the Norther Employment and Business Hub; • \$1.3 million to fund a pilot Youth Connectors program; • \$1.5 million to establish a Jobs Tasmania Partnership Fund; • \$170,000 to continue to support the Fit for Work Devonport Project; and • \$190,000 to support migrant and cultural employment programs.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/delivering-local-jobs-local-people
Related Policies (if applicable)	Supporting our Multicultural Communities

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Jobs Hubs Initiative	2 725	4 450	3 450	....
Pilot Youth Connectors program in Sorell, Glenorchy and George Town	671	671	....	....
Jobs Partnership Fund	500	500	500	....
Supporting the Fit for Work Devonport Project	170	....	....	....
Helping migrants into employment	95	95	....	....
Total	4 161	5 716	3 950	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Delivering more support to Surf Life Saving in Tasmania
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	25 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	27 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2 million over four years in ongoing support towards the provision of surf lifesaving services; and \$1 million over four years in funding for marine rescue vehicles, trailers and vessels.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-delivering-more-support-surf-live-saving-tasmania
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Surf Lifesaving - Support	500	500	500	500
Surf Lifesaving - Grant	250	250	250	250
Total		750	750	750	750

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Ensuring the Safety and Wellbeing of Vulnerable Children and Young People
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	24 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	29 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5 million over four years to support new stable permanent placements where children and young people can belong and thrive; \$1.75 million over four years to extend support for Informal Kinship Carers; and \$2 million over four years for the 'Sure Start' whole-of-government initiative.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-ensuring-safety-and-wellbeing-children-and-young-people
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Permanent Placements Support	1 250	1 250	1 250	1 250
Informal Kinship Carers Support	437	437	437	437
'Sure Start' Initiative	500	500	500	500
Total	2 187	2 187	2 187	2 187

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Events and Attracting New Events Fund
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	3 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	9 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide \$8 million for a new Events Support and Attraction Fund.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-tasmanian-events-and-attracting-new-events
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Extending School Lunch Pilot and Helping the Most Vulnerable
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	17 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.4 million over three years to extend our School Lunch pilot; • \$3 million over three years in emergency food relief and food security funding to help the most vulnerable; and • \$180,000 over three years to increase funding to Grans Van, Louis Van and Mission Beat.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-extending-school-lunch-pilot-and-helping-most-vulnerable
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
School Lunch Program	455	820	120	....
Emergency Food Relief and Security	1 000	1 000	1 000	....
Food Van Funding	60	60	60	....
Total	1 515	1 880	1 180	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Growing Forestry Jobs
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	17 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$11.7 million into Tasmania's forest industries by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million over five years to grow on-island processing and value adding; • \$1.15 million over three years to the Tasmanian Timber Promotions Board; • \$150,000 over three years to support the Arbre Forest Industry Training and Careers Hub in Invermay; • \$300,000 over three years for a Diversity Action Plan; and • \$100,000 for the Boiler Replacement Action Plan. Sustainable Timber Tasmania will provide a 50 per cent contribution to the cost of these initiatives.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-growing-forestry-jobs
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
On-Island Processing and Value Adding Initiative	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Boiler Replacement Action Plan	50	....	....	....
Timber Promotions Board	192	192	192	....
Skills and Training - Arbre Forest Industries	25	25	25	....
Diversity Action Plan	50	50	50	....
Total	1 317	1 267	1 267	1 000

Other relevant information

It is assumed that Sustainable Timber Tasmania's contribution will reflect 50 per cent of the cost of each initiative and will be met directly by that entity in accordance with the timeframes detailed in the policy.

The impact of this policy is over five years with an allocation from the Government of \$1 million required for the On-Island Processing and Value Adding initiative, in 2025-26.

The impact of the 50 per cent contribution to be paid by STT on any dividend or tax equivalent payments to be made by that entity over the costing period, has not been taken into account.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Helping all Tasmanians Participate in Sport and Physical Activity
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	10 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an additional \$3 million over three years for the Ticket to Play Voucher Program; • an additional \$5 million in 2021-22 for the Improving the Playing Field grants program; • a \$10 million Solar Power Sports Club five year no-interest loan scheme for solar systems installation; and • \$500,000 over three years to Reclink to support at risk and disadvantaged Tasmanians enjoy sporting activities.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/10/getting-tasmanians-moving-secure-tasmanias-future
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Ticket to Play	1 000	1 000	1 000	....
Improving the Playing Field	5 000	....	....	....
Solar Power Sports Club - Interest Expense ¹	100	200	200	200
Reclink	167	167	167	....
Total	6 267	1 367	1 367	200

Other relevant information

Note 1:

The cost of this commitment is directly linked to the interest rate that will be applied when the funds are borrowed. The interest rate will be based on prevailing conditions in financial markets at that time.

The 2020-21 Budget assumed a cost of borrowing over the Budget and Forward Estimates of 1.35%.

The current allocation included in the Liberal Party election commitment for Solar Power Sports Club no interest loan scheme (as shown in the table above) is consistent with Treasury's estimate of the likely cost of debt over the period. Consistent with advice from the Liberal Party it assumes a 50 per cent uptake in the first year of the scheme. It is also assumed that the scheme is fully utilised during the period 2022-23 to 2024-25 and that loans are fully repaid beyond that period.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Hobart Gymnastics Academy Centre
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	14 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide \$500,000 towards the proposed expansion of the Hobart Gymnastics Academy Centre.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/14/investing-future-our-budding-gymnasts
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	500	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Improved Facilities for Recreational Fishers and Local Communities
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	3 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide \$2 million of grant funding over two years for local councils and local community organisations for new and upgraded recreational sea fishing facilities and amenities; provide \$1 million over four years for new and upgraded facilities for inland fisheries and improved access; waiver junior inland angling fees for four years at a cost of \$75,000; and double the Tagged Trout Promotion for two years at a cost of \$100,000.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-investing-improved-facilities-recreational-fishers-and-local-communities
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue - (decrease)					
Junior Inland Angling Fee Waiver	(18)	(19)	(19)	(19)
Expenses - increase					
Grant payment to Local Councils and Local Community Organisations	1 000	1 000	....	....
Trout Promotion	50	50	....	....
	1 050	1 050	....	....
Capital Purchases - increases					
Inland Fisheries infrastructure	250	250	250	250

Other relevant information

Consistent with the Liberal party policy, the Junior Inland Angling Fee Waiver assumes that approximately 1 000 licence fees will be waived per annum.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Improving the Tamar River
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	11 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide funding of up to \$4 million over two years for a site specific dredging program; and • commit up to \$1 million annually to support the establishment and ongoing operations of a Tamar River management and governance model.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/11/immediate-action-improve-tamar-river
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Tamar Dredging Program	2 000	2 000	....	....
Tamar Governance Model	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
Total	3 000	3 000	1 000	1 000

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Investing in our Neighbourhood Houses
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	26 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.8 million over two years to Neighbourhood Houses to employ new Family and Community Support Workers; • \$400,000 over four years to improve Neighbourhood House Tasmania capacity to improve support to the House Network; • \$2 million to extend the Neighbourhood House Capital Improvement Program; and • \$500,000 for a new purpose-built facility for Kentish House.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-investing-our-neighbourhood-houses
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Family and Community Support Workers	1 400	1 400	....	....
Neighbourhood House Tasmania - Peak Body	100	100	100	100
Neighbourhood House Tasmania - Capital Improvement Program	1 000	1 000	....
Kentish House Facility	500	....	....	....
Total	2 000	2 500	1 100	100

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Investing in sporting facilities to Secure Tasmania's Future
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	3 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	9 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$10 million into key Football facilities across the State.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-kicking-goals-upgraded-football-facilities
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	5 000	5 000	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Investing in the Future of the Racing Industry
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	19 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commit to annual increases in stakes across all three racing codes of 1.6 per cent over four years including 0.6 per cent in 2021-22; • provide \$350 000 in 2024-25 for support of the thoroughbred and harness breeding sectors; • provide \$3 million equity contribution to Tasracing for investment in facilities and tracks; • provide \$2 million over four years to deliver improved training opportunities for jockeys and other racing industry career opportunities; and • complete development of the new harness and greyhound track on the North-West Coast.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-investing-future-racing-industry
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Thoroughbred and Harness Breeding Initiatives					350
Industry Training Initiative		500	500	500	500
Total		500	500	500	850

Other relevant information

It is assumed that Tasracing will fully fund the increase in stakes that is detailed in the policy document and no additional Government funding will be provided.

As the \$3 million allocated in the policy for investment in facilities and tracks will be provided to Tasracing as an equity contribution, it is not included in the Financial Implications table.

It has been assumed that the \$8 million Tasracing equity contribution that has previously been allocated for development of the new harness and greyhound track on the North-West Coast will be sufficient to complete the project or that any additional cost will be met by Tasracing.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Nation Leading Tasmanian Agricultural Precinct in Launceston
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	1 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$15 million for state-of-the-art research facilities and provide \$2 million over four years to expand the Strategic Industry Partnership Program.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-developing-nation-leading-tasmanian-agricultural-precinct-launceston
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	500	500	500	500
Capital Purchases - increases ¹	7 500	7 500	....	....

Notes:

1. Capital purchases reflect the purchase or construction of assets.

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Parks Powering Regional Economies
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	23 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$14 million over three years (commencing in 2023-24) in the iconic Freycinet National Park and a new Visitor Gateway; \$900,000 to upgrade camping and RV access on Flinders Island; \$2.8 million for turning Ben Lomond into a year-round destination; \$3 million for re-imagining the Hastings Thermal Pool; \$6.8 million for Stage 3 of the Maria Island Re-discovered Project; \$2.8 million for the Tamar Island Wetlands Centre boardwalk replacement; \$3 million in camp site upgrades at Cockle Creek; \$1.7 million to upgrade infrastructure at the Cape Bruny site; \$2.75 million to revitalise the 'Edge of the World' experience at Arthur River; \$600,000 to complete the Horsetail Falls Trail at Queenstown; \$1.8 million for a new arrival concourse at Mt Field National Park; and \$35,000 for the Spion Kop Road upgrade
Link to public release of policy	https://liberal.tas.gov.au/secureng-tasmanias-future-parks-powering-regional-economies
Related Policies (if applicable)	West Coast Policy; East Cost Policy

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expense - increase					
Horsetail Falls Upgrade	600	...	...
Capital Purchases - increases ¹					
Freycinet Tourism Package ²	4 000	5 000
Flinders Island camping upgrade and RV access ²	400	400
Ben Lomond - A Year Round Destination ²	...	400	...	800	800
Hastings Thermal Pool	...	500	2 000	500	...
Maria Island Re-discovered Project ²	1 000	1 800	2 000
Tamar Island Wetlands Centre ²	500	1 300
Cockle Creek Camp Site ²	...	250	500	1 000	1 000
Cape Bruny Upgrade ²	200	750
Edge of the World ²	750	1 000
Mt Field National Park ²	200	800
Spion Kop Road Black River Day Use	...	35	...	...	...
Total	...	1 185	3 500	10 150	13 050

Notes:

1. Capital purchases reflect the purchase or construction of assets.

Other relevant information

Note 2: These initiatives include costs in 2025-26:

- Freycinet Tourism Package - \$5 million
- Flinders Island camping upgrade and RV access - \$100 000
- Ben Lomond - A Year Round Destination - \$800 000
- Maria Island Re-discovered - \$2 million
- Tamar Island Wetlands Centre - \$1 million
- Cockle Creek Camp Site - \$250 000
- Cape Bruny Upgrade - \$750 000
- Edge of the World - \$1 million
- Mt Field National Park - \$800 000



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life and Recreational Sea Fishing
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	24 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	27 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$350,000 over two years towards implementing Tasmania's first ever 10 Year Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy; \$150,000 over two years to extend the East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Program; \$400,000 over three years to support peak body TARFish.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-protecting-tasmanian-way-life-and-recreational-sea-fishing
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
10 Year Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy	175	175	....	....
East Coast Rock Lobster Program Translocation Program	75	75	....	....
TARFish Peak Body Support	133	133	133	....
Total	383	383	133	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life of Recreational Hunting
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	24 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	27 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 towards a study into the economic and social value of recreational hunting and sporting shooting to Tasmania; • \$250,000 over two years to implement a new Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan for Tasmania; and • \$50,000 to subsidise training through TasTAFE for hunters to obtain the safe harvesting and meat handling certification.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/protecting-tasmanian-way-life-recreational-hunting
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Economic and social value study - Recreational Hunting and Sporting Shooting in Tasmania	50	....	....	....
Wild Deer Management Plan	125	125	....	....
Training Subsidy - Safe Harvesting and Meat Handling Certification	25	25	....	....
Total	200	150	....	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Royal Flying Doctor Service – Oral Health Services
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	8 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	14 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide the Royal Flying Doctor Service with \$300,000 in 2021-22 to support the provision of oral health services in regional Tasmania.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/08/memorandum-understanding-secure-future-royal-flying-doctor-service-tasmania
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	300	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Securing King Islands Future
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	12 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	21 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide up to \$1 million to extend the underwritten direct flights between Hobart and King Island; • investing \$345,000 for a new Golf Tourism marketing campaign; • provide \$350,000 over four years to strengthen bio-security on King Island; • provide \$450,000 to complete work at the RSL park and skate park and improve footpaths in Currie; • contribute \$250,000 towards the Council's ongoing maintenance for the Currie lighthouse; and • provide \$33,000 for the replacement of the King Island community car.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-king-islanders
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Flight Subsidy Extension - Hbt - KI	1 000	....	....	....
Golf Tourism Campaign	345	....	....	....
Biosecurity Officer	87	87	88	88
RSL Park	450	....	....	....
Lighthouse Maintenance - Currie	250	....	....	....
Community Car	33	....	....	....
Total	2 165	87	88	88

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Showground redevelopment to Secure Tasmania's future
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	30 March 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST) with \$42.15 million over three years to commence the redevelopment of the Showgrounds to activate the site for homes, jobs and the local community.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/03/30/showground-redevelopment-secure-tasmanias-future
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	25 000	10 000	7 150	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Sporting Infrastructure – Queenborough Oval
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	11 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	14 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$2 million towards stage one of the Queenborough Oval redevelopment.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/11/sporting-infrastructure-future
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	2 000	....	....	....

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Sporting Infrastructure – Rokeby Multi-sports Facility
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	21 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$8 million toward the planning, design and construction of a new multi-sport facility at Rokeby.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/21/sporting-infrastructure-future
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital Purchases - increases ¹	500	3 500	4 000	....

Notes:

1. Capital purchases reflect the purchase or construction of assets.

Other relevant information

This Liberal Party commitment is dependent on matched funding from local government and the Australian Government which is not included in this costing.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Local Jobs at INCAT
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	31 March 2021
Date of request to cost policy	9 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide INCAT with \$100 million in finance, on an interest-free basis, for three years to construct a 120 metre high-speed vessel.
Link to public release of policy	https://www.tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-local-jobs-incat
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase ¹	2 000	2 000	2 000	....

Other relevant information

Note 1:

The cost of this commitment is directly linked to the interest rate that will be applied when the funds are borrowed. The interest rate will be based on prevailing conditions in financial markets at that time.

The 2020-21 Budget assumed a cost of borrowing over the Budget and Forward Estimates of 1.35%.

The current allocation included in the Liberal Party election policy titled - Supporting Local Jobs at INCAT (as shown in the table above) is consistent with Treasury's estimate of the likely cost of debt over the period.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting our Multicultural Communities
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	12 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	14 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 towards the redevelopment of the Migrant Resource Centre in Mowbray; • \$50,000 per year for two years to support the operation of the MRC; • \$100,000 for a two year trial of a Small Business Enterprise Loans program; • \$20,000 over two years for the Migrant Resource Centre; • \$60,000 over two years for Harmony Week and Festival Support; and • \$40,000 over two years for the Interpreting Scholarship Program.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-our-multicultural-communities
Related Policies (if applicable)	Delivering Local Jobs for Local People Plan

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Multicultural Hub/Migrant Resource Centre - Mowbray	50	300	....	....
Small Business Loans - Interest Expense ¹	2	2	....	....
Migrant Resource Centre	10	10	....	....
Harmony Week and Festival Support	30	30	....	....
Interpreting Scholarship Program	20	20	....	....
Total	112	362	....	....

Other relevant information

Note 1:

The cost of this commitment is directly linked to the interest rate that will be applied when the funds are borrowed. The interest rate will be based on prevailing conditions in financial markets at that time.

The 2020-21 Budget assumed a cost of borrowing over the Budget and Forward Estimates of 1.35%.

The current allocation included in the Liberal Party election commitment to trial the interest-free Small Business Enterprise Loans program (as shown in the table above) is consistent with Treasury's estimate of the likely cost of debt over the period.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Our Veterans
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	23 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	27 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$110,000 per annum (indexed) to RSL Tasmania as the Peak Funding body for veterans; • \$50,000 per annum to RSL Tasmania for special projects; • \$100,000 per annum to the Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program; • \$30,000 to the Tasmanian Headstone Project; • \$100,000 for a training centre and additional facilities at Dago Point Veterans Retreat; and • \$200,000 over four years for Health and Wellbeing Vouchers for veterans for gym or sporting club membership.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-our-veterans
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
RSL Tasmania - Peak Body Funding ¹	110	113	116	118
RSL Tasmania - Special Project Funding	50	50	50	50
Teddy Sheean VC Memorial Grants Program	100	100	100	100
Tasmanian Headstone Project	30	....	....	....
Dago Point Veterans Retreat	100	....	....	....
Health and Wellbeing Voucher Program	50	50	50	50
Total	440	313	316	318

Other relevant information

Note 1:

This costing includes indexation based on information provided by the Liberal Party and may be impacted by the actual rate of indexation applied to grant funding which may vary from year to year.

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting People with Disability
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	22 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.2 million over four years to establish a Tasmanian Disability Services Commissioner; \$1.4 million over four years to boost the Tasmanian Autism Diagnostic Service; and \$150,000 over three years to support Paraquad Tasmania to manage and deliver its Physical Disability Sports programs.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-people-disability
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Disability Commissioner	300	300	300	300
Tasmanian Autism Diagnostic Service	350	350	350	350
Paraquad Tasmania	50	50	50	....
Total	700	700	700	650

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Small Business Resilience and Growth
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	26 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	<p>A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an additional \$10 million to get stalled projects off the ground with the Building Projects Support Program; • \$200,000 per annum for four years to boost Business Tasmania resources; • \$2 million to establish a Small Business Incubator and Accelerator Pilot Program; • \$75,000 per annum to support continuation of the No Interest Micro Business Loan Program; • \$1.2 million for a Small Business Financial Counselling and Advice Support Program; • \$400,000 over two years to expand our Small Business Mental Health Support Package; • \$300,000 over three years for Regional Chambers of Commerce; and • \$50,000 per annum over three years to the Tasmanian Small Business Council.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-small-business-resilience-and-growth
Related Policies (if applicable)	Investing Even More in TasTAFE

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Boost Business Tasmania	200	200	200	200
Small Business Incubator and Accelerator Pilot Program	500	750	750	....
NILS Micro Business Loan Program	75	75	75	75
Small Business Mental Health Support Package	300	100	....	....
COVID-19 Small Business Financial Counselling and Advice Support Program	400	300	250	250
Support for Regional Chambers of Commerce	100	100	100	....
Tasmanian Small Business Council	50	50	50	....
Stalled Project Funding	10 000	....	....	....
Total	11 625	1 625	1 625	525

Other relevant information
N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Tasmanian Events and Attracting New Events
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	19 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	22 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will invest \$31 million to support and grow our visitor economy by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$21.5 million over five years to secure iconic Tasmanian events; • \$8 million over four years for a new Events Support and Attraction Fund; and • \$1.5 million for a Regional Events Recovery Fund.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-tasmanian-events-and-attracting-new-events-0
Related Policies (if applicable)	Events and Attracting New Events Fund

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Securing Tasmania's Iconic Events	5 250	5 250	4 000	3 500
Events Attraction Fund	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Regional Events Recovery Fund	1 500	....	....	....
Total	8 750	7 250	6 000	5 500

Other relevant information

Based on advice from the Liberal party, this costing assumes an allocation of \$3.5 million to Secure Tasmania's Iconic Events in 2025-26.

The Events Attraction Fund included in this policy has already been costed in the *Events and Attracting New Events Fund* costing.



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting the Community Sector and Easing Cost of Living Pressures
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	27 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.085 million over three years to establish a community services-based project team, alongside a workforce-ready team to ensure the emerging workforce has the right skills to deliver quality support for Tasmanians; • \$930,000 over the next three years to establish a Workforce Development Fund; • \$50,000 per annum for three years for a Scholarship Fund; and • \$100,000 for a recruitment campaign to attract workers and retain workers in the sector.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-community-sector-and-easing-cost-living-pressures
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Community Services Based Project Team	195	195	195	....
Workforce Ready Team	500	500	500	....
Workforce Development Fund	310	310	310	....
Scholarship Fund	50	50	50	....
Recruitment Campaign	100	....	....	....
Total	1 155	1 055	1 055	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Supporting Women and Girls
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	27 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	28 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.05 million over three years to boost the Women's Workforce Participation initiative; • \$75,000 to fund a Women in Building and Construction Strategy; • \$25,000 to establish a Girls in Property Pilot Program; • \$20,000 per annum for four years to boost the International Women's Day Small Grants Program; • an additional \$300,000 over four years to boost the Women in Leadership Scholarship Program; • \$50,000 to commission a feasibility study for a new Safe Emergency Accommodation facility in the Northern Midlands; and • \$320,000 over four years for free sanitary items in schools.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-women-and-girls
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Boosted Women's Workforce Participation Initiative	350	350	350	....
Women in Building and Construction Strategy	75	....	....	....
Establish a Girls in Property Pilot Program	25	....	....	....
International Women's Day (Small Grants Program - Boost	20	20	20	20
Women in Leadership Scholarship Program - Boost	50	50	100	100
Northern Midlands Safe Emergency Accommodation Facility	50	....	....	....
Free Sanitary Items in Schools	80	80	80	80
Total	650	500	550	200

Other relevant information

N/A

COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	Tasmanian Agricultural Shows
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	16 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will provide \$500,000 (commencing in 2022-23) over two years to extend the Tasmanian Agricultural Shows Fund.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/news/2021/04/16/securing-future-our-agricultural-shows
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase	250	250	....

Other relevant information

N/A



COSTING REPORT

Policy Information:

Name of policy	West Coast
Person requesting costing	Michael Reynolds Nominated Contact Person, Liberal Party on behalf of the Premier, Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Date of public release of policy	13 April 2021
Date of request to cost policy	20 April 2021
Description of policy	A Tasmanian Liberal Government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide \$1 million towards the Strahan Waterfront Precinct; • provide \$150,000 per year for four years for West Coast Heritage; and • complete Horsetail Falls with a new allocation of \$600,000.
Link to public release of policy	https://tas.liberal.org.au/securing-tasmanias-future-supporting-west-coast
Related Policies (if applicable)	na

Financial Implications:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Expenses - increase					
Strahan Waterfront Precinct	1 000	....	....	....
West Coast Heritage	150	150	150	150
Horsetail Falls	600	....	....	....
Total	1 750	150	150	150

Other relevant information

N/A



ATTACHMENT I: 2020-21 Local Community Facilities Fund Initiatives**Community Development Output 4.3**

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Funding for replacement of furniture and equipment	Aust Italian Culture and community Centre	Funding to replace a range of community hall facility furniture and range of disability equipment	10 000
Installation of a new exhaust fan in the Men's Shed	Beaconsfield Men's Shed	Funding for the installation of a new exhaust fan to replace the existing fan which does not provide adequate ventilation for Members	10 000
Sealing of the extension part of the car park	Channel Men's Shed	Extension and sealing of the Margate Memorial Cricket Ground and Channel Men's shed end of the car park	21 225
Raise and construct new roof on Beef Cattle Shed	Circular head Agricultural Show Society	Funding for the removal and reconstruction of a higher and evenly constructed roof over the Beef Cattle Shed	25 000
Funding for a new computer for laser engraving	Claremont Men's Shed	Funding for the purchase of a new computer to run a laser engraving program	5 000
Upgrades to the CWA shop in Lindisfarne	CWA Lindisfarne Branch	Funding for refurbishments and maintenance to the CWA Hall in Lindisfarne	50 000
Funding for new band equipment and PA system	Deloraine Community Band	Funding to purchase a new PA system, mixing desk and musical equipment to replace aged equipment and instruments	20 000

Community Development Output 4.3 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Purchase of new musical instruments	Derwent Scottish Pipe Band	Funding for the purchase of a range of musical instrument to support the Band teach bagpipes to primary school age children	7 260
Upgrading and restoring heritage machinery	Duck Reach Historical Group	Funding for the upgrade of a range of existing heritage equipment in the Duck Reach Museum	60 000
Completion of an automated irrigation system for the Gardens	Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens	Funding for the completion of the final stage of irrigation automation for the tourism icon in Burnie which is staffed by volunteers	61 273
Construction of four bay garage and storage facilities	Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House	construction of a new four bay garage to safely house the House's vehicles - 12 seater bus and two cars to support the Loaves and Fishes program	30 000
Funding for new interpretation panels	From the Shadows Inc.	Funding for new interpretation panels for new bronze statues depicting convict women and Orphan School children in South Hobart and New Town.	6 000
Upgrading the Community Shed	Furieux Island community Shed	Funding for the Furieux Island Community Shed for maintenance, fencing and equipment	39 400
Funding for waste minimisation projects	Geeveston Town Hall Company	Funding to support waste minimisation and purchase of new commercial equipment	14 520
Replacement of the Community Garden Beds	Goodwood Community Centre	Replacement of the garden beds including build, installation and replacement soil	5 200

Community Development Output 4.3 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Replacement of the roof on the Gunns Plains community hall	Gunns Plains Community Centre Association Inc.	Replacement of the roof and new insulation of the Gunns Plains Community Hall	20 000
Support for supplies for vulnerable members in the community	Helping Hand	Funding towards the purchase of supplies, grocery items and a range of other equipment to support the demand over winter	10 000
Funding for soundproofing the on-air studio	Huon FM Community Radio Station	Funding for the soundproof of the Community radio stations on-air studio	6 776
Painting and refurbishment of the Radio Station	Huon FM Community Radio Station	Painting and refurbishment of the local community radio station	17 036
Renewal of Playground equipment and Fencing	Huon Valley Council	Upgrading of playground equipment in the Glen Huon Park	30 000
Replacement of the community car	King Island Community Car	Replacement of the community car to support continued service to the King Island community	33 000
Upgrading of electrical work at the Hall	Kingborough Council	Upgrades to electrical wiring at the Adventure Bay Hall on Bruny Island	10 000
Upgrade to toilets at the community Hall	Kingborough Council	Upgrades to the toilet facilities at the Middleton Hall	20 000

Community Development Output 4.3 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Upgrading community space and facilities	Kingborough Family Church	Renewing and upgrading the Community Space, and upgrading furniture and IT equipment	29 000
Upgrading of the broadcast studio	Launceston Community FM Group	Funding for the upgrading of lighting and the broadcast studio	19 018
New projector for local Seniors school	Launceston School for Seniors	Funding for the purchase of a projector for the Launceston School for Seniors	1 700
Installation of solar panels	Living Boat Shed	Funding for the supply and installation of solar panels on the Living Boat Shed	6 500
Sealing of pathways providing disability access	Lobster Haven	Funding for the sealing of pathways providing all year round disability access	35 640
Upgrade to the Town Hall	Longford Art Group	Upgrades to the Longford Town Hall as a fit for purpose exhibition and workshop space for artists in the region	18 000
Installation of a Lyche Gate	Longford Local Legends	Funding to build and install a new Lyche Gate at the entrance of Longford Legends Avenue	15 000
Upgrading facilities and installation of security cameras	Longford Show Society	Upgrading of the toilet block facilities and installing security cameras for security of grounds and patrons	18 000
Installation of a new all abilities barbecue	Maydena Community Association	Funding for the purchase of an all abilities barbecue for the refurbished park facility in Maydena	10 000

Community Development Output 4.3 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Installation of new picnic and BBQ shelters	Meander Resource Management Group	Installation and modification of two shipping containers into picnic and bib shelters to replace original shelters	12 000
Installation of solar panels and tree removal	Mole Creek Community Shed	Removal of pine trees to allow the installation of grid connected solar panels on the Mole Creek community shed	30 000
Replacing the roof of the Mole Creek Op Shop	Mole Creek Progress Association	Replacement of the roofing on the Mole Creek Op Shop as the final stage of refurbishment	7 000
Upgrading the Grief and Loss Garden	New Mornings Inc.	Upgrading the community grief and loss garden with widened concrete pathways providing for disability access	5 940
Development of a Youth Needs analysis	North East Community Centre	Development of a youth needs analysis in the Dorset community to help Council and other service providers identify gaps in social, recreational, transport and employment services	20 000
Upgrading of the local hall and new fencing	Nunamara Hall Committee	Refurbishment of the local hall including reroofing, heating and new fencing	45 000
Installation of new security system	Riana Community Centre	Installation of a new security system and UPS, and additional antenna to boost Wi-Fi for security system to cover whole community centre	15 000
Refurbishment and repairs to the Neighbourhood House	Rosebery Neighbourhood House	Refurbishment including new roller door, insulation and electrical work to the Create a Family Centre in the Neighbourhood House	8 800

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Electrical and plumbing upgrades to the Scout Hall	Sandy Bay Scout Group	Funding to support the upgrades to electrical wiring, the meter box and plumbing to provide safe drinking water	9 000
Upgrading of lighting	SelfHelp Workplace	Funding to upgrade old fluorescent lighting to new LED lighting	3 047
Funding for fire risk management	St Barnabas Community Church	Funding for the installation of equipment to mitigate fire risk at the premises	4 600
Design of underground power conversion	Stanley Chamber of Commerce	Funding towards the design and costing for conversion to underground power in Main Street Stanley	15 000
Funding for new carpet and radio equipment	Star-FM	Funding to replace carpet throughout the radio station and purchase ad range of new equipment for the broadcast studio, kitchen and a backup UPS system	15 000
Funding for repairs at the Mt Direction semaphore	Tamar Valley semaphore Association	Repairs and completion of the historic site at Mt Direction Semaphore station	25 000
Provision of funding to secure the Australian Sheepdog Championship & Trans-Tasman Test	Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Association Inc.	Funding to secure the major national and international working sheep dog event to be held in Campbell Town in October 2021 - including guests from New Zealand	30 000
Funding for travel kits	Tasmanian Youth Orchestra	Funding for the purchase of equipment to support the safe travel of musical instruments	19 675

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Purchase of additional baby equipment including car seats and cots	Tassie Mums	Funding to purchase extra baby equipment for mothers who are struggling to purchase prior to the birth of their child and additional operational costs	50 000
Installation of new shade sail in gardens	Toosey Aged Care	Construction and installation of shade sails in the facilities garden for residents	13 000
Funding for new studio equipment	Way FM	Funding for sound and on-air equipment and a new phone expansion for the Radio station	22 400
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			Total - Output 4.3

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Installation of LED Lighting and Air Conditioner	Beltana Bowls Club	Funding for the installation of new LED lights to improve efficiency of the Club's day to day running costs and installation of a new Daikin Air Conditioner	8 496
Purchase of nets for behind the goal posts	Bracknell Football Club	Purchase of goal nets for safety of public to stop the ball from hitting cars or members of the public	45 000
Recarpeting of the Club House	Bridport Golf Club	Funding for the recarpeting of the Golf Clubhouse	8 000
Installation of retractable awnings over the Green	Buckingham Bowls Club	Towards the purchase and installation of retractable awnings over the top green to provide shade areas for bowlers	50 000
Funding for a new mower, refurbishment of sand bunkers and equipment shed	Campbell Town Golf Club	Funding for a replacement mower, refurbishment of sand bunkers and construction of a new equipment shed	32 000
Purchase of new seating for upgraded clubrooms	Central Coast Cricket Club	Purchase of new chairs following the upgrading of the clubrooms including seating	8 340
Towards new scooters for training in motor racing events	City of Burnie Cycling Club Inc.	Funding for the replacement of old and dangerous scooters to train members in national and local motor racing events	10 798
Renovation for a new History Museum	Clarence District Cricket Club	Renovation of the club rooms to provide for a new history museum centre to display memorabilia and trophies	47 725

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Purchase of portable goals and team shelters	Clarence Zebras Football Club	Purchase of portable goals and team shelters to support a growing Club with over 500 active participants	20 400
Upgrades to the Mountain Bike Park	Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club	Funding towards upgrade and maintenance of the access trails through to the Dial Range Montgomery Loop and upgrades of wooden structures	20 000
Purchase of three new Outrigger Canoes	Cradle Coast Outrigger Canoe Club	Funding towards the purchase of new outrigger canoes enabling the hosting of a championship event in March 2022	78 000
Installation of new electronic scoreboard	Cremorne Bowls Club	Purchase and installation of an electronic scoreboard to align with COVID procedure and improve scoring of Southern Tasmanian Pennant competitions	16 760
Replacement of outdoor training net surfaces	Cressy Cricket Club	Replacement of the surface carpet in the outdoor training nets	5 400
Refurbishment of club kitchen	Deloraine Bowls Club	Renovation and refurbishment of the Club's kitchen facilities	25 000
Installation of solar panels	Devonport City Soccer Club	Funding for the purchase and installation of a grid connected PV solar system	27 500
Funding to provide IT equipment	Evandale Football Club	Funding to move the Club into the digital age, with the purchase of a range of IT equipment	6 000
Upgrading of the kitchen in the Golf Club	Exeter Golf Club	Funding for the refurbishment of the kitchen at the Exeter Golf Club	19 325

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Funding to attend the Cuboree in Hobart	First Spreyton Scouts	Funding to allow the 1st Spreyton Scout Group to attend the Cuboree at the Lea in Hobart on 8-10 October 2021	1 880
Refurbishment of the Club's windows blinds	Glenorchy Rodman Bowls & Community Club	Installation of new roller blinds in the Clubroom to assist with heating and cooling	4 277
Upgrading the front entrance to the Clubrooms	Glenorchy Rodman Bowls & Community Club	Upgrading the front entrance to the clubrooms by removing old uneven pavers and installing a new concrete footpaths - providing disability access	21 860
Repairs to the riding club's sand arena	Huon Hoofbeats	Repairs and maintenance for the 60m x 45m sand arena to provide a safe riding area for the club	15 000
Provision of shipping container for administration and first aid	Huon Pony Club	Purchase and installation of a 40ft shipping container to provide an event room, administration office, first aid room and additional storage	30 000
Funding for development of new recreation space and public toilet	Huon Valley Council	Support the implementation of the new recreation space and public toilet facilities at Southport - including change room facilities, playground and parking	20 000
Funding for new gym equipment	Huonville PCYC	Purchase of new gym equipment, including two bikes, three treadmills and two rowers for the Huonville PCYC's gym program	33 823
Purchase of a new trailer to carry Club equipment	King Island Pony Club Inc.	Purchase of a new tandem trailer fitted with racks to carry a range of jumping poles and equipment	4 500

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Funding for the purchase of a new Ride On Lawn Mower	Latrobe Croquet Club	Funding towards a new Ride On Lawn Mower to maintain the playing surface using a mower of greenkeeping standing enabling the hosting of the National Croquet Championships in September 2021	45 000
Funding to develop new tennis courts	Latrobe Tennis Club	Funding for upgrading of the Latrobe Tennis courts	25 000
Construction of a new shed and purchase of four training skiffs	Lauderdale Yacht Club	Purchase of four training skiffs and construction for a purpose built shed for the Lauderdale Yacht Club junior program	40 000
Installation of new Sightcreens	Lindisfarne Cricket Club	Replacement and installation of new sight screens	20 000
Purchase of two Scull boats	Lindisfarne Rowing Club	Purchase of two coastal quadruple (quad) Scull boats for junior and novice rowers	35 980
Refurbishment of the kitchen and facilities areas	Longford Bowls Club	Replacement and upgrading of kitchen appliances at the Longford Bowls and Community Club	25 000
Funding for new rowing shell boat	Mersey Rowing Club	Funding for the purchasing of a new women's 8 seat rowing shell to cater for the influx of women in the Club	45 000
Funding for a new irrigation system	Moorina Golf Club	Funding to replace the golf course's irrigation system	35 000

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Cricket Bowling Machine	Mt Pleasant Cricket Club	Funding for a new Cricket Bowling Machine to assist players at weekly cricket training and for one-on-one training. Club is affiliated with the Oatlands District Cricket Association in Southern Midlands	4 695
Upgrading of Club facilities, BBQ and boat ramp	New Norfolk Aquatic Club	Funding towards the upgrading of the New Norfolk Aquatic Club's toilets, barbecue and boat ramp	2 000
Upgrading of fitness equipment	New Norfolk District Football Club	Funding for the purchase of a range of new fitness equipment	13 500
Funding for a new behind goal post net system	Northern Midlands council	Funding for a new goal post net system on the Perth Recreation ground	15 000
Funding for the dog park exercise and training equipment	Northern Midlands council	Funding for the purchase and installation of heavy duty rust and slip resistant dog exercise/training units to encourage dog owners to exercise their dogs in a fun, socially interactive way	20 000
Funding for oval preparation equipment	Northern Midlands council	Funding for the purchase and installation of equipment for transition between football and cricket seasons - at Morven Park designed to help prevent damage to the pitch and reduce maintenance	24 200
New uniforms and sporting equipment	Northern Tasmanian Light Horse Troop	Purchase of new light horse uniforms and event equipment for the Horse Troop	25 000

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Sowing of new faircourse course and replacement of Course Mower	Poatina Golf Club	Funding towards the purchase of a course mower and sowing of a new fairway course	18 000
Installation of new wallaby proof fence	Port Sorell Golf Club	Installation of new wallaby proof fencing to keep browsing animals away from the playing surface	56 188
Upgrade and installation of new lighting and heating	Port Sorell Surf Lifesaving club	Funding for the installation of new lighting and heating at the Surf Club and the design and costing for architectural plans for disability access facilities	27 500
Upgrade and modernisation of the club rooms	Ridgeley Cricket Club	Upgrading and modernisation of the cricket and football clubrooms including electrical works, flooring and painting	38 500
Funding to reroof the Clubhouse	Ringarooma Golf Club	Funding to replace the existing roofing on the Clubhouse	20 000
Upgrade of the Cricket Pitch and new matting	Sassafras Cricket Club	Upgrading of the playing surface pitch and a mat to cover the pitch during winter	6 000
Construction of a new machinery and buggy shed	Scottsdale Golf Club	Funding for the construction of a new machinery and buggy shed for the Club	8 000
Upgrades to the Club's watering system, resealing of car park and new mower	Sheffield Golf Club	Funding for a new Wi-Fi watering system, resealing of the Club's car park and purchase of a new fairway mower	42 000

Sport and Recreation Output 4.7 (continued)

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Establishment of new Basketball team	South East Basketball Association	Funding to establish a new team, including purchase of uniforms, scoreboard, scoring computers and equipment and association establishment fees	30 000
Replacement of Target Traps	Spring Bay Clay Target Club	Replacement of the Club's current clay target traps which are more than 40 years old	20 000
Installation of a new sun-safe awning	St Helen's Bowls Club	Funding towards the installation of a new sun-safe awning over the bowling green	25 000
Installation of new fencing	Swansea Golf Club	Funding for replacement of chainlink fencing around the golf course to protect the public course	47 300
Car park sealing for the golf club	Tam O'Shanter Golf Club	Funding for the sealing of the car park at the Golf Club which is also used by emergency services	50 000
Purchase of new floor matting	West Tamar Gymnastics Club	Funding to purchase new floor matting and new folding include wedges for gymnasts	3 500
Funding for solar panels and gas water heating	Westbury Shooting Club	Installation of solar panels and gas water heating for the Club's kitchen	10 000
Total - Output 4.7			1 337 447

Veterans' Affairs Output 4.6

Project Name	Name of organisation / proposed recipient	Further information on project, including project current status	Amount approved \$
Installation of a new commercial oven	Burnie RSL Club	Funding for the installation of a new commercial oven to support the growing club	17 940
Refurbishment of the RSL hall	Longford RSL	Installation of new carpets and refurbishment to enable the hall to be hired out to the community	10 000
Restoration of historic memorabilia	SSAA Militaria Collectors Association of Tasmania	Funding to support the restoration of a WWI Krupp 75 War Trophy Gun and purposes built housing	30 000
Installation of Solar system	St Helens RSL	Towards the cost of installing a Solar system in the RSL as part of the Club's expansion plan to reduce carbon emissions	25 000
Upgrading facilities to provide more functional multi-purpose spaces	Wynyard RSL	To provide a dividing wall in the existing RSL function centre to make the centre more functional for multiple purpose as a communal hub in Wynyard	30 000
Total - Output 4.6			112 940

2021 ELECTION POLICY



FINANCIAL POLICY

Our financial policy will ensure that:

- All of our commitments are fully funded and fully costed
- We return to surplus over the Forward Estimates period, with a forecast surplus of \$5.6 million in 2022-23 and \$34.5 million in 2023-24.
- We demonstrate responsible budget management for the well-being of Tasmanians

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Fiscal Strategy

The Tasmanian Liberal Fiscal Strategy provides an effective and appropriate framework for the ongoing management of the State's Budget position. It is focused on the achievement of long-term fiscal principles that are embedded within the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007. These principles are:

- manage the State's finances responsibly for the wellbeing of all Tasmanians;
- provide for the future for the next generation of Tasmanians;
- prepare for unexpected events by building a robust financial position;
- improve services to Tasmanians by building a strong economy and efficiently allocating resources to gain the maximum community benefit;
- formulate spending and taxation policies that ensure a reasonable degree of equity, stability and predictability; and
- ensure transparency and accountability in developing, implementing and reporting fiscal objectives.

A focus on these principles reflects responsible financial management and drives the achievement of long-term Budget sustainability. Through the need to prepare for the unexpected, a focus on these principles also recognises that Tasmania's economic and fiscal circumstances can change quickly and significantly. The occurrence and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the speed with which circumstances can change.

The use of a principles based approach also recognises that a government can, in the short-term, legitimately depart from fiscal objectives in response to changing circumstances, as long as that departure is necessary, transparent and justifiable.

The Tasmanian Liberal Fiscal Strategy has stood us in good stead for the last seven Budgets we have delivered and includes six important strategic actions that are aimed at achieving the long-term fiscal principles. These strategic actions are detailed below:

1. Annual growth in General Government operating expenses will be lower than the long-term average growth in revenue.
2. General Government debt and defined benefit superannuation liabilities will be managed to ensure the combined annual servicing cost is less than six per cent of General Government cash receipts.

3. A competitive tax environment will be maintained with an objective for state taxes to be efficient, fair, simple, stable and sustainable.
4. Government businesses will be required to deliver services to Tasmanians at the lowest sustainable cost, while also providing an appropriate financial return to the Government.
5. Tasmanian Government infrastructure investment will maintain existing assets, respond to economic and population growth and reflect the changing needs of the community.
6. Public sector efficiency, productivity and financial transparency will be improved.

Our Record

The Pre-Election Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) released by the Department of Treasury and Finance on 13 April 2021 confirmed that Tasmania's Budget has significantly improved since the 2020-21 Budget and the Revised Estimates Report were published.

The successful management of the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed the Tasmanian economy to continue to recover, the scale of which is now being reflected through new economic data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Jobs have rebounded strongly and our economic outlook is positive with strong growth expected.

There is significant jobs growth over and above what is already forecast.

As a result, Treasury has revised upwards its economic forecasts across all key indicators, with larger than expected growth in our economy, employment and participation.

A strong economy and responsible budget management allows us to invest in the essential services Tasmanians need, and only a majority Liberal Government has the track record to deliver this.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Liberal Government delivered four surplus Budgets.

Tasmania's economy has come through COVID better than just about anywhere else because of our management of the pandemic.

Only a majority Gutwein Liberal Government can be trusted to manage Tasmania's post-COVID recovery.

Our Forecasts

A summary of our 2021 Election commitments and commitments made in the State of the State Address to Parliament on 16 March 2021 is listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 below shows the Budget returning to surplus over the Forward Estimate period, after taking into account our 2021 Election and State of the State commitments. Importantly, our commitments are fully costed and fully funded. The Net Operating Balance is forecast to be in surplus of \$5.6 million in 2022-23 and in surplus of \$34.5 million in 2023-24.

A summary of our infrastructure investment commitments is provided in Table 2 below. Table 3 below identifies commitments that will be made through equity transfers to support Government businesses to deliver on the Government's policy priorities.

Table I: Financial Position Summary

	2020-21 Revised Budget	2021-22 Forward Estimate	2022-23 Forward Estimate	2023-24 Forward Estimate	2024-25 Forward Estimate
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PEFO Net Operating Balance	(958.8)	(225.4)	192.4	230.4	....
State of the State Commitments	10.9	92.7	36.6	36.8	35.6
New commitments - revenue					
Foreign Investor Land Tax Surcharge	0.0	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)
New commitments - expenses					
Advanced Manufacturing and Trade	0.0	7.0	2.8	3.9	2.4
Agriculture and Resources	0.0	8.7	10.0	8.4	7.0
Arts and Creative Industries	0.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Community development and services	45.0	27.7	11.2	8.8	3.8
Digital Economy	0.0	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.2
Education and Skills	0.5	6.5	17.9	16.1	18.0
Emergency Services (Police and Fire)	0.0	2.5	4.5	6.2	8.6
Energy	0.1	14.0	2.0	0.5	0.5
Environment and Climate Change	0.0	6.2	3.1	1.6	1.6
Events	0.0	7.5	6.0	7.0	7.0
Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing**	20.7	61.0	51.6	51.6	51.8
Housing	1.5	11.6	4.3	6.6	5.1
Supporting Jobs	0.0	20.6	10.6	10.2	2.8
Law and Order	0.0	4.7	4.3	2.8	2.3
Supporting Regional areas	0.0	11.2	0.8	0.3	0.3
Sport and Recreation	0.4	29.4	7.7	15.3	6.8
Tourism, Hospitality and Parks	1.8	9.5	9.7	10.7	10.4
Transport	0.0	5.0	2.5	7.5	7.5
Additional commitments	70.0	236.4	151.8	160.6	139.0
Forecast Net Operating Balance	(1 039.6)	(553.0)	5.6	34.5	....

Notes: Expenditure is shown as a positive number, and revenue as a negative number.

* While some policies result in reduced revenue, for example the stamp duty waiver on Electric Vehicles, these have been costed as an expense for ease of illustration.

** Commonwealth ABF revenue has been incorporated into the net cost of the health commitments.

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Table 2: Infrastructure Investment Summary

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward
	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PEFO Infrastructure Investment	694.1	1051.4	954.3	1078.8	....
New commitments*					
Agriculture	0.0	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0
Education and Skills	0.4	16.3	31.7	23.3	35.1
Emergency Management	0.0	0.6	5.1	5.8	12.0
Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing	0.0	27.5	55.8	53.0	121.0
Housing	1.0	3.5	22.0	24.8	110.0
Law and Order	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sport and Recreation	0.0	2.8	2.8	0.3	0.3
Tourism, Hospitality and Parks	0.0	2.9	5.7	8.4	13.3
Roads and Transport**	0.0	12.7	55.8	50.2	126.6
New Infrastructure Investment	1.4	75.0	186.3	165.6	418.2
Total Infrastructure Investment	695.5	1126.4	1140.6	1244.4	....

Notes: * Election and State of the State Commitments.

** Includes Commonwealth investment contribution

Table 3: Equity Investment Summary

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	Revised	Forward	Forward	Forward	Forward
	Budget	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
New Equity commitments					
Mac Point Development Corporation*	6.6	23.8	33.2	14.0	4.5
Metro Tasmania	0.0	7.5	15.0	4.5	4.5
Tasmanian Irrigation	0.0	10.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
TasPorts	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TasRacing	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TasTAFE	0.0	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3
Stadiums Tasmania Trust	0.0	8.0	23.0	20.0	20.0
Total New Equity Commitments	6.6	69.5	88.4	55.7	46.2

* This was announced in the State of the State Address on 16 March 2021.

Department of Treasury and Finance

**Public Statement****Department of Treasury and Finance Election Policy Costing**

Friday, 30 April 2021

In accordance with section 14(3) of the *Charter of Budget Responsibility Act 2007*, if the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance does not have sufficient information, or has not had sufficient time, to prepare and publicly release an election policy costing before the election polling day, the Secretary is required to publicly release a statement to that effect before that day.

This statement confirms that the Secretary, as at 1pm Friday, 30 April 2021, has been unable to cost 62 election policy costings out of a total of 125 election policy costings received from the Premier or Leader of an Opposition Party.

The following 62 election policy costings were unable to be costed due to insufficient time and/or insufficient information:

Election policy	Party
A Fair Go for Tenants	Tasmanian Greens
A Fairer lutruwita/Tasmania for Women and Girls	Tasmanian Greens
A Home for All Tasmanians	Tasmanian Greens
A Kinder lutruwita/Tasmania for Animals	Tasmanian Greens
A Safe Climate	Tasmanian Greens
A Safer Community for Children and Young People	Tasmanian Greens
A Tasmanian Human Rights Act	Tasmanian Greens
Access to Justice	Tasmanian Greens
Agriculture	Tasmanian Greens
An Inclusive, Diverse Island Community	Tasmanian Greens
A Strong, Independent EPA	Tasmanian Greens
Better Supporting Tasmanians with Disability	Tasmanian Greens
Democracy	Tasmanian Greens

Election policy	Party
Electoral Finance	Tasmanian Greens
Ensuring Quality Public Education	Tasmanian Greens
Extreme Weather Adaptation	Tasmanian Greens
Genuine Traffic Solutions for lutruwita Tasmania	Tasmanian Greens
Green Jobs and Skills of the Future	Tasmanian Greens
Health and Wellbeing	Tasmanian Greens
House of Assembly	Tasmanian Greens
Inquiry into Water Management	Tasmanian Greens
kanamaluka/River Tamar	Tasmanian Greens
Keeping Communities Healthy	Tasmanian Greens
Kick-Starting Agribusiness	Tasmanian Greens
Land Use and Forestry	Tasmanian Greens
Lifting Tasmanians out of Poverty	Tasmanian Greens
lutruwita Tasmania - A Wild State	Tasmanian Greens
lutruwita Tasmania's palawa People	Tasmanian Greens
lutruwita Tasmania's Veterans	Tasmanian Greens
Making Big Corporations Pay Their Share	Tasmanian Greens
Marine Environment	Tasmanian Greens
Planning for People	Tasmanian Greens
Restoring Forests and Rewilding lutruwita Tasmania	Tasmanian Greens
Safe Climate Act	Tasmanian Greens
Strong Gun Laws, Safer Communities	Tasmanian Greens
Supporting Local Sports	Tasmanian Greens
Supporting Nurses and Midwives	Tasmanian Greens
Supporting Paramedics	Tasmanian Greens

Election policy	Party
Supporting the Arts	Tasmanian Greens
Transparency and Accountability	Tasmanian Greens
Transport and Energy	Tasmanian Greens
Truth in Political Advertising	Tasmanian Greens
Waste and Industrial Processes	Tasmanian Greens
Other Commitments	Tasmanian Greens
Bushfire Safe Communities and Supporting Our Volunteers	Tasmanian Liberals
Intergenerational Investment into Modern Port Infrastructure for the North-West	Tasmanian Liberals
Significant Investment in TasTAFE to Secure Tasmania's Future	Tasmanian Liberals
Extending our Record Investment into Tasmania's Transport Infrastructure	Tasmanian Liberals
Investing in More Police and Safer Communities	Tasmanian Liberals
Keeping Tasmanians Safe	Tasmanian Liberals
Delivering Better Health Care for Tasmanians in the North Delivering Better Health Care for Tasmanians in the South Delivering Better Health Care for Tasmanians in the North-West	Tasmanian Liberals
Transforming Tasmania's Mental Health and Wellbeing	Tasmanian Liberals
Delivering More Paramedics and Better Health Care for Regional Tasmania	Tasmanian Liberals
Continuing to Deliver Housing for Tasmanians in need	Tasmanian Liberals
Investing in Quality Education and Schools	Tasmanian Liberals
Building a More Confident, Better Connected Digital Economy	Tasmanian Liberals
Accelerating Agriculture in Tasmania	Tasmanian Liberals
Supporting the North-East	Tasmanian Liberals
Establishing Stadiums Tasmania	Tasmanian Liberals

Election policy	Party
Protecting our Unique Environment and Investing in the Circular Economy	Tasmanian Liberals
Taking Further Climate Action	Tasmanian Liberals
Supporting Sorell and the South-East Region	Tasmanian Liberals

In accordance with section 14(4) of the Charter of Budget Responsibility Act, no further action will be taken in relation to requests for policy costings.

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