

Disclosure Statement Concerning an Election Commitment

(Transparency in Election Commitments Act, S.N.B. 2018, c.1, ss.4 and 5)



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Part A: Election commitment	
Registered political party	New Brunswick New Democratic Party
Number	8
Title	Support for Community Based Non-Profit Nursing Home Services and Workers
Description	<p>The NDP commits to saving New Brunswick community based not for profit nursing home system, and to improving working conditions for nursing home workers and care for residents.</p> <p>The NDP will also to put a stop to the downgrading of the skill mix ratio that has worked for these homes for many years because we need the best professional care for residents. And the NDP will increase the funding of nursing homes so that ratio of direct care by a caregiver to a resident will change from 3.1 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day, in the first year of our government.</p>
Type of commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Leader commitment
Party platform reference	
Type of disclosure statement	<p>Check one of the boxes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (a) Cost estimate; i.e. an estimate of the commitment's cost or financial implications.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Maximum cost statement; i.e. if the commitment relates to a new or expanded program or service, the maximum cost to which the party commits if it forms the next government.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (c) An estimate of the financial implications of the election commitment has not been prepared because:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient information was available to prepare a cost estimate;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The election commitment will not have financial implications for the Province; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The party declines to prepare a cost estimate or a maximum cost statement with respect to the election commitment.</p>
Complementary disclosure statement	If a maximum cost statement is checked above and the election commitment indicates it will also increase or reduce revenue, the following disclosure statement is also filed:

Part B: Financial implications							
Fiscal Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Subsequent	Total
Operating Budget – Revenue							
Operating Budget – Expenses		\$29 million	\$29.063M	\$29.138M	\$29.202M		\$116.403M
Capital Budget – Expenditures							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> These financial implications are included in the <i>Summary of Election Commitments</i> filed with this statement.							

Part C: Additional required information

Each significant assumption made in determining the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

Continuation of current community-based network of Nursing Homes and the end to the policy of building and funding for profit nursing homes does not affect the current expenditure envelope by the Dept of Social Development in its per diem resident care allocation to the nursing homes

However, the increase in the resident / caregiver direct care ratio from 3.1 to 3.5 is a significant new expenditure. The maximum cost statement of \$29 million is based on an estimate of the total number of Full Time Equivalent employees engaged in direct care of residents as a percentage of the overall allocation to nursing homes by the Dept. of Social Development which we estimate is \$290M. The increase in care ratio is estimated to be about a 10% increase on that amount

Estimates for costs in subsequent fiscal years is based on forecasts by RBC Economics and we have averaged out the figure at 2.2 % inflation in each year

The sources of information used in preparing the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

GNB main estimates, NB Nursing Home Association Annual Reports
RBC Economics for rate of inflation

The computations done to prepare the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

None performed except estimated maximum cost statement for 2018-19 will increase in subsequent years based on RBC Economics forecast of consumer price index (inflation) at approx. 2.2 % over next three years compounded

Part D: Publication

This disclosure statement has been made public by the registered political party; i.e. by or through any media, including a press release, a post on a website or any other public information media.

Part E: Signature

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 Chief agent of the registered political party

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Date
Aug 27, 2018