


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<b>Supported Accommodation Strategy</b>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	2 August 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-commit-supported-accommodation-study">http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-commit-supported-accommodation-study</a>					
Summary of election commitment:	The ACT Greens will provide Carers ACT with \$250,000 to undertake an economic and social analysis of models of supported accommodation for people with a disability. The research produced as a result of the study will identify supported accommodation models that are economically and socially viable and should be progressed.					
Intention of election commitment:	Production of research to inform future policy decisions of the ACT Government					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	4/9/12					
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?</b>						
<p><b>Note:</b> that where the request to cost an election commitment differs from the public announcement, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> it will be up to the professional judgment of the Director-General as to whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the election commitment.</p>						
<b>Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</b>						
The funding for this policy commitment is dollar limited.						
<b>Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?</b>						
The funding will be provided to Carers ACT to undertake the study.						
<b>Will funding/the cost require indexation?</b>						
No.						
<b>What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?</b>						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-250				-250
Capital						
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						

**What is the likely take up?**

N/A

**Any other assumptions?**

- A single select procurement process will be undertaken to provide Carers ACT with the funding to undertake the work. Section 10(1) of the *Government Procurement Regulation 2007* allows a Chief Executive Officer of a Territory Entity to exempt an entity from the requirements of tender and quotation processes prescribed under Sections (4) to (9) of the Regulations in certain circumstances (prescribed in Section 10(2)). The intention of this election commitment is to better inform government decision making for the benefit of people with disabilities. As the peak body for carers in the ACT, Carers ACT is considered to have superior ability to undertake this analysis and has in the past provided professional and quality outcomes for the ACT through its work. It is unlikely, if a public tender or quotation process was utilised, that an alternative provider would be identified that could provide superior value for money outcomes than that which will be achieved through the direct sourcing of Carers ACT to undertake this work. It is therefore considered that any such tender or quotation process would not provide value for money outcomes for the Territory. It is also noted that undertaking single select procurement processes with the non government sector has been consistent practice of the Community Services Directorate over the past three financial years. A review of contracts awarded by the Community Services Directorate, sourced from the ACT Contracts Register, has identified that in:
  - 2009-10, single select processes were utilised to award eleven contracts at a value of \$14.357M to the non government sector;
  - 2010-11, single select processes were utilised to award eighteen contracts at a value of \$5.143M to the non government sector; and
  - 2011-12, single select processes were utilised to award fifty two contracts at a value of \$35.818M to the non government sector.
- Recurrent expenditure is dollar limited and it will be the responsibility of the Community Services Directorate to deliver this commitment, in conjunction with Carers ACT, within the funding provided.
- Costings within this initiative are based on information contained in the 2012-13 Budget Papers and current publicly available information.

**Administration of the election commitment**

**How will the election commitment be administered?**

The election commitment will be administered by Community Services Directorate, through direct funding to Carers ACT to undertake the study.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Community Services Directorate will be responsible administering the election commitment.

**Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?**

– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?

Staffing costs to administer this initiative are expected to be minimal (i.e. less than 5%) and accordingly any government costs in administering this initiative will be met out of recurrent funding in the Community Services Directorate.

– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

**What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?**

From the commencement of the 2013-14 financial year.

**Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?**

No
<b>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?</b>
No
<b>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?</b> <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i>
From the 2013-14 financial year.
<b>Will the election commitment cease and if so when?</b>
N/A

