


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Improving safety and training</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	9 August 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Safe and Healthy Workplaces.pdf (page 2 under the heading "improving safety and training")					
Summary of election commitment:	This election commitment increases the existing .2% levy on building and construction projects by .1% (making it a total levy of .3%).					
Intention of election commitment:	<p>The additional funds will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve health and safety in the local construction industry, recognising that safety is a serious issue on ACT construction sites, often resulting in injuries and death; • Assist to train local apprentices and other workers in building and construction, particularly focusing on areas of skills shortage. 					
Signature of person requesting costing: Date of request for costing:	 24/9/12					
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?						
<p>Note: 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>Note: 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>						
Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?						
There are no costs to the budget associated with this policy commitment.						
Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?						
No.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
N/A						
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)?						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

Revenue ^(a)						
Expenses ^(a)						
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?

- This policy initiative will require legislative change only, being changes to the *Building and Construction Industry Training Levy Act 1999*.
- Revenue raised as part of this initiative will depend on the number of construction projects being undertaken in the Territory and may be less if there is a downturn in the industry. . \$5.1million was raised from the existing levy in 2011, and \$4.3million in 2010. Therefore a rise of 0.1% could be expected to raise approximately an extra \$2million/ year for each of the years 2013/14 to 2016/17, assuming similar levels of building activity as to 2010 and 2011.

It is also assumed that any additional administration cost incurred by the ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority in administering the larger program will be met from the revenue generated by the increased levy.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The commitment will be administered by the ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority.

Who will administer 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?

Yes, see assumptions above.

– 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

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

No

When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?

Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?

From the 2013-14 financial year.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A