


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	School funding based on need
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader.
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	9 August 2012. See <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-commitment-school-funding-based-need">http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-commitment-school-funding-based-need</a>
Summary of election commitment:	\$2m funding commitment over the next four years or until the Gonski funding model is implemented.
Intention of election commitment:	To ensure that students with disabilities continue to get the benefit of the extra support of funding provided in this year's budget.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	27/9/12.

**What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?**

**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.  
**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.

Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?  
 A capped amount.

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?  
 Yes.

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 <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>						
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?

The Commitment is to spend:

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
2000	2050	2101	2154	8305

However as is the case for the initiative in this year's budget (see BP3 p131) this will be an agency funded initiative utilising unallocated funds from the Interest Subsidy Scheme.

This issue was covered in Estimates on 27/6/12 pages 1000-1001 where an official from the education and training directorate said about \$3 million per annum was available under the scheme.

Given this the initiative will not have an additional impact on the budget.

#### *Administration of the election commitment*

How will the election commitment be administered?

The initiative will be rolled out the same as the Non-Government Schools – Students with Disabilities initiative in this year's budget.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Education and Training Directorate.

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?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

As indicated above the commitment continues the funding provided in this year's budget and no additional implementation cost is expected to be incurred by the Directorate.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

The commitment will commence in 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?*

n/a

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

The commitment will continue over four years as set out above unless the Gonski reforms are implemented in which case there will be significant changes to school funding from the Commonwealth and the commitment will need to be re assessed.