


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	De-Sexing Pets Subsidy
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	31 August 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/animal-welfare-1
Summary of election commitment:	Promote increased pet desexing and provide a subsidy to pet owners on low incomes to access the RSPCA's pet de-sexing service or the services of private veterinarians.
Intention of election commitment:	To reduce the high numbers of animals that are put down each year.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	3/10/12

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?

The funding for this policy commitment is dollar limited.

Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?

Yes, the RSPCA and Private Veterinarians who choose to participate will have a role in delivering the commitment.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No. It is unindexed dollar limited funding.

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)		-140	-130	-130	-130	-530
Capital						

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.

What is the likely take up?

This is very difficult to calculate, we have anticipated that up to 1000 de sexing procedures will subsidised in any year.

Any other assumptions?

- The amount allocated is for both the subsidies and the promotion of desexing including the availability of the subsidy.
- The subsidy will be available to concession card holders.
- The amount charged for desexing procedures varies according to animal weight and gender. An agreement would need to be negotiated with the RSPCA and private vets who wished to participate in the scheme to set an amount for each desexing procedure.
- The initiative will provide a subsidy of up to \$120 for a desexing procedure depending upon the agreed prices for procedures.
- In addition to the subsidy scheme, additional funding is provided to promote the scheme (this will be higher in the first year).
- It is assumed that TAMS will be able to use the remaining balance of the allocated funding for desexing promotion and to assist in any additional administrative costs incurred.
- Funding for this policy commitment is dollar limited and it will be the responsibility of the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate to implement this election commitment within this dollar limited commitment.

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

The commitment will be administered by Territory and Municipal Services Directorate in partnership with the RSPCA and participating private veterinarians.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The commitment will be administered by Territory and Municipal Services 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.

We anticipate that some additional costs will be incurred by the Directorate. However depending on the uptake of the subsidy some funds will be available to assist meet these administrative costs.

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