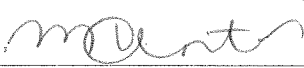


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Calmer Calssrooms
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 TH September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/act-greens-care-and-protection-package
Summary of election commitment:	Implement 'Calmer Classrooms' program to provide an evidence based trauma response training for carers and teachers.
Intention of election commitment:	To provide teaching staff and foster parents and carers with strategies to work with children who have been traumatised by abuse and neglect; to adapt the 'Calmer Classrooms' program from Victoria to meet ACT Legislative requirements
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	4/10/12

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?

A capped amount.

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

Yes. The 'Calmer Classrooms' program is run by Berry Street (A community not for profit child and family welfare organisation)

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 ^(a)						
Expenses ^(a)		-99	-83	-85	-87	-354
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 Calmer Classrooms program is run by Berry Street (see www.berrystreet.org.au).
- Training will be provided to at least 400 teachers over four years as well as parents and carers.
- The 'Calmer Classrooms' course would need to be revised to meet ACT circumstances and particular legislative requirements. Course redevelopment costs are assumed to be a one off \$20,000 cost in 2013-14.
- The assumed total cost per one day course is \$5,000 and 8 training days (for 20 participants) per year will be provided. This will include at least 100 teachers and up to 60 parents and carers depending on demand. It will be the responsibility of ETD to ensure that any vacant parent or carer places are filled by additional teachers.
- Teaching staff who attend 'Calmer Classrooms' training will be back filled by casual/relief teaching staff.
- Costs of casual teachers are based on the ETD Enterprise Agreement, being \$348 per day until 2014-15 and \$357 per day for 2015-16. Teaching costs have been indexed by 3.5% per annum subsequent to this, in line with yearly increases noted in the ETD Enterprise Agreement.
- No administrative overhead for casual teachers has been included on the basis that they are back filling for existing teachers who will be attending the courses and administrative arrangements for relief teachers are already in place.
- The Calmer Classrooms is dollar limited and it will be the responsibility of the Directorate to manage this initiative within the budgetary funding provided.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

This initiative will be administered within the existing management framework of Community Services Directorate, and Education and Training Directorate.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Community Services Directorate, and 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.

No addition allowance has been made for oversighting the course and coordinating teacher enrolment as this is part of the core function of the training teams within the Education and Training and Community Services Directorates and will be undertaken utilising existing resources.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?

N/A

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 start of the 2013-14 financial year.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A

