


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	Training for kinship carers
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 <sup>TH</sup> September 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/act-greens-care-and-protection-package">http://act.greens.org.au/content/act-greens-care-and-protection-package</a>
Summary of election commitment:	Provide more training opportunities for Kinship Carers.
Intention of election commitment:	To implement a new training program for kinship carers to better support them in providing this caring role.
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?**  
 No.

**Will funding/the cost require indexation?**  
 No.

**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>		-200	-200	-200	-200	-800
Capital						

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

**What is the likely take up?**

There are hundreds of families in kinship care arrangements and it is anticipated that there will be reasonably strong demand for the training but it is not anticipated that the resources provided in this commitment will be able to cater for all families in these situations.

**Any other assumptions?**

- The training program will be developed in line with the compulsory foster care training program.
- The capped amount is intended to provide training to over 100 kinship carers a year.
- It is intended that the program will be run by the Directorate similar to the foster carer training program.
- Funding includes both the development and the delivery of the training program and it is anticipated that much of the course will parallel the foster carer training currently provided by the Directorate.
- the funding amount is limited and it is expected that the Directorate will deliver the maximum possible training 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 will be developed in line with the existing compulsory foster care training program.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Community 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.

Yes supporting expenses are included within the funding and it is expected that these will be partly absorbed within the existing Learning and Community Education team in the Directorate.

**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?**

The election commitment is intended to run during the four years 2013-14 until 2016-17.