

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	School Canteen Upgrades
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	12 th September http://act.greens.org.au/content/healthy-kids-healthier-canberra
Summary of election commitment:	Provision of an additional \$500,000 per annum in new funding under the Health Promotion Grants to upgrade School Canteens
Intention of election commitment:	To provide more Canteen Managers with the necessary facilities and appliances to prepare and serve healthy food.

Signature of person requesting costing:

M. Hunter

Date of request for costing:

4/10/12

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 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. Some grant are anticipated to be made to non government schools.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No, a fixed amount is proposed to be provided each year.

What are the 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)		-512.5	-530	-540	-555	-2,137.5
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up?

N/A.

What are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?

N/A.

Any other assumptions?

- The Health Promotion Grants process would select schools to receive funding for canteen upgrades. The School Canteens High Level Taskforce could assist with identifying appropriate schools in need.
- Many of these schools will be government schools but some will also be non government schools. Given the uncertainty of the distribution of the grants and the nature of the upgrades (which may vary from more significant kitchen expanses to much smaller items of kitchen equipment) the funding has been expensed rather than capitalised.
- It will be the responsibility of ACT Health Directorate to manage this election commitment within the dollar limited funding provided.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

It will be the responsibility of the ACT Health in managing the Health Promotion Grants to determine how the election commitment will be administered.

Who will administer the election commitment?

ACT Health Directorate will be responsible for administering 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?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

No. Grant administration costs for ACT Health are expected to be minimal and reasonably absorbed within the existing grants program.

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 beginning of the 2013-14 financial year.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A