


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	School Gardens
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	12/09/12 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/healthy%20kids%20package.pdf
Summary of election commitment:	A commitment of \$200,000 over four years for a school garden grant program as well as to hold several food education roundtables to enhance education programs and share knowledge.
Intention of election commitment:	To establish more school gardens in schools, promote healthy eating and share knowledge and teaching experiences as a means of enhancing existing programs in these areas.
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?

The funding for this policy commitment is 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 schools and potentially community sector organisations will be responsible for delivering the commitment.

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 ^(a)						
Recurrent Expenses ^(a)		50	50	50	50	200
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?

- Funding for the initiative is an extension of the current ACT Government Health Directorate Health Promotion grants specifically for school gardens.
- The Healthy Schools Healthy Children Funding Round 2012 funded eight school gardens between \$2,400 to \$11,000 per garden.
- Funding will be available for established school gardens as well as new gardens, including funding for equipment such as gardening tools, fencing materials, water tanks through to whole gardens.
- Food education roundtables will also be organised by the Health and Education directorates.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The election commitment will be primarily administered by the Health Directorate in the same way as the existing health promotion grants are administered. The Education Directorate will also have a role in organising the roundtables and developing education opportunities from the gardens.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Health and Education Directorates.

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. In relation to ACT Health any staffing or administrative costs associated with the grants program are considered immaterial and can be met out of existing Directorate resources. Similarly responsibility for organising a small number of roundtables and developing educational opportunities from the gardens is considered a relatively minor task and reasonably absorbed within existing resources.

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