


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	7 th September http://act.greens.org.au/content/birthing-and-parenting-package
Summary of election commitment:	Provision of recurrent funding for the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters to commence operations in the Tuggeranong region, to work with vulnerable children and their families.
Intention of election commitment:	To provide additional educational and parenting assistance to vulnerable children and their families.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
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?

A non government organisation will run the program.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No. Funding is not indexed.

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)		-200	-150	-150	-150	-650
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up?

We have assumed that up to 35 children will participate in the program.

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

N/A.

Any other assumptions?

- The initiative is modelled on the current HIPPY program in Charnwood run by Uniting Care Kippax.
- The commitment of \$200,000 in the first year and \$150,000 in each of the following three years is based on funding provided by the Commonwealth Government for equivalent programs. See <http://www.hippyaustralia.org.au/file/820>.
- Additional funds have been provided in the first year to allow for start up and development costs and any miscellaneous expenses.
- In addition to the costs of the program as described in the web link above an allowance has been made for the promotion of the program and this can be adjusted according to the availability of funds.
- Expenditure is dollar limited and it will be the responsibility of Community Services Directorate 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 Community Services Directorate to determine how the election commitment will be administered.

Who will administer the election commitment?

Community Services Directorate will be responsible 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.

The funding is for a non-government organisation to run the program in the Tuggeranong region. This program will be undertaken under contract with Government. The costs of oversighting the non-government organisation is considered minimal and accordingly the costs of oversight will be met out of existing staffing resources within the Directorate.

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