


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Charter of Open Government Information					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	14 September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-make-open-government-reality-act					
Summary of election commitment:	Development of a Charter of Open Government Information and implementation plan					
Intention of election commitment:	To guide proactive release of government data.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	5/10/12					
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?						
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>						
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?						
N/A.						
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)		-50				-50
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?						
1. The initiative commits \$50,000 to the Government Information Office to develop the Charter and implementation plan. This will assist the GIO meet additional operational						

- expenses in the development of the charter and implementation plan.
2. This is not a commitment to entirely fund the cost of the development of the charter and implementation plan as this is within the core function of the agency, but rather to assist the additional costs that may arise from the initiative, for example allowing them to draw on external advice as well as meeting incidental additional costs of working with other government agencies etc.
 3. The Charter will set the following goals
 - A schedule of datasets for proactive release from each agency;
 - All data to be released through dataACT where feasible, whether proactively or on request;
 - Directorates to report on data released, and reasons for refusal;
 - An implementation plan will accompany the charter and will be used to measure progress against the goals.
 4. This initiative uses the existing dataACT platform already in use by the GIO.

Administration of the election commitment
<p>How will the election commitment be administered? By the Government Information Office.</p>
<p>Who will administer the election commitment? By the Government Information Office.</p>
<p>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions. <p>Funding is for the GIO to assist in operational requirements for developing the charter and implementation plan, including to assist with internal stakeholder consultation and management. Implementing the Charter is considered a core part of good governance for all agencies. Any additional costs will be met out of existing agency budgets. It is likely to involve marginal cost, and may decrease costs involved in responding to request for information.</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment? From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation? N/A</p>
<p>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered? No</p>
<p>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational? <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i> From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p>Will the election commitment cease and if so when? The charter will be completed in 2013-14.</p>