


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Advanced Care Planning
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	18 th September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/older-persons-package-0
Summary of election commitment:	Provision of \$300,000 per annum to enhance the Respecting Patients Choices Program by increasing ACT health staff dedicated to the program, and tendering out an education and awareness program to a community organisation.
Intention of election commitment:	Advanced Care Planning is an important method of assisting people to think about future medical scenarios they may face and record what type of treatment they wish to receive in such situations. The intention of the election commitment to improve community awareness of the tool and its availability, as well as expand and improve its application.
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?

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 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. An education and awareness program will be delivered by a community organisation.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?
 Yes.

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)		-300	-308	-316	-324	-1,248
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?

The commitment provides for:

- \$200,000 per annum to increase the number of ACT Health staff working on the Respecting Patients Choices Program, with the full time equivalent and level classification to be determined by ACT Health.
- An indexation of 4% has been applied to this funding to allow some additional flexibility in staffing arrangements.
- \$100,000 per annum (unindexed) for a community education program about advance care planning to be run by a community organisation.
- Other comparable community education campaigns funded by the ACT Government in the past include:
 - \$98,000 to the OzHelp Foundation for the 'Tradies Tune Up'
 - \$124,973 to Cancer Council ACT for 'ACT Vulnerable Youth: Reducing Chronic Disease Risk Factors'

(see pages 314-315 of

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health?a=sendfile&ft=p&fid=1322182791&sid=>)

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

It will be the responsibility of the ACT Health 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.

Yes, the administration costs for ACT Health are contained within the funding provided.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

2013-14.

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?

2013-14.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A.