


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<b>Older Persons Assembly</b>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/older-persons-package-0">http://act.greens.org.au/content/older-persons-package-0</a>
Summary of election commitment:	An ACT Older Persons Assembly will be hosted in the ACT Legislative Assembly biennially.
Intention of election commitment:	To provide MLAs and Government with an opportunity to hear first-hand the issues of concern to older Canberrans and for these issues to be debated in a public setting.
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?**  
 No.

**Will funding/the cost require indexation?**  
 Yes. Expenses are indexed at CPI of 2.5% per annum.

**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 <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-14		-15		-29
Capital						

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

**What is the likely take up?**

70 older Canberrans attended the ACT's first Older Persons Assembly which was held on 30 September 2011.

**Any other assumptions?**

- Administration of the project will be undertaken by the Office of the Legislative Assembly and Community Services Directorate from within existing resources, as occurred in 2011.
- New funding will be provided for the preparation and distribution of the *Older Persons Assembly Report*.
  - This exercise cost \$13,804 in 2012 (Reference: Derek Volker, Independent Reviewer, *Government Agencies (Campaign Advertising) Act 2009* – Report to the Legislative Assembly for the period from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012, July 2012, Attachment H).
  - The ACT Greens propose to provide \$14,000 for the report in 2013-14, and then provide an increase of 2.5% per annum to \$15,000 for the report in 2015-16.
  - A copy of the 2012 *Older Persons Assembly Report* is available at [http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/281504/Final\\_Report\\_and\\_Government\\_Reponse\\_2012.pdf](http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/281504/Final_Report_and_Government_Reponse_2012.pdf)

**Administration of the election commitment**

**How will the election commitment be administered?**

The administration process undertaken in 2011 will be replicated.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Office of the Legislative Assembly and Community Services Directorate.

**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, administration of the project will be undertaken by the ACT Legislative Assembly and Community Services Directorate from within existing resources, as occurred in 2011.

**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 and 2015-16, with \$14,000 in new funding provided for the publication of the 2013-14 report and \$15,000 for the 2015-16 report.

**Will the election commitment cease and if so when?**

N/A