


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Build it better</i>																					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader																					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	19 September 2012, Media release <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Planning.pdf">http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Planning.pdf</a> (page 7)																					
Summary of election commitment:	<p>Appoint a senior officer to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assist in the development of a prosecution and rectification policy to address poor building quality in the ACT;</li> <li>- coordinate a review of the Building Act, the Water and Sewerage Regulation, the adequacy of insurance arrangements and any machinery of government changes necessary to provide better regulation of the industry in the ACT.</li> </ul>																					
Intention of election commitment:	To ensure better regulation and enforcement of building quality in the ACT.																					
Signature of person requesting costing:																						
Date of request for costing:	9/10/12																					
<p><b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.  <b>Note:</b> 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>																						
<p><b>Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</b> N/A.</p>																						
<p><b>Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?</b> No.</p>																						
<p><b>Will funding/the cost require indexation?</b> Yes.</p>																						
<p><b>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)?</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2012-13 \$'000</th> <th>2013-14 \$'000</th> <th>2014-15 \$'000</th> <th>2015-16 \$'000</th> <th>2016-17 \$'000</th> <th>Total \$'000</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></td> <td></td> <td>-148</td> <td>-153</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>-301</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	Total \$'000	Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>							Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-148	-153			-301
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(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 includes provision for salary for the new position as well as additional funding to assist with consultation and other miscellaneous expenses of the initiative.
- The Directorate is expected to manage the program within the allocated funding.

The break up of recurrent expenses is as follows:

	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	Total \$'000
1 X SOG C indexed at 3%		-128	-132			-260
Program costs		-20	-21			-41

*Administration of the election commitment*

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

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

ESDD (ACTPLA).

**Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment? Yes**

- If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

It is assumed that some additional expenses will be absorbed by the Directorate, however additional program expenses are included in the initiative.

**What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?**

Work would commence in 2013-14 and go for two years.

**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, level of commitment during each period etc? 2013-14 to 2014-15.

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

Two years after appointment of the officer.