


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Better funding for the Aboriginal Legal Service</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	28 th September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/justice-0 (page 3, point 2)					
Summary of election commitment:	Increasing funding for the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS)					
Intention of election commitment:	To improve access to legal assistance.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12					
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?						
Yes. The ALS is currently administered with Commonwealth funding, and its operations cover both NSW and ACT. This election commitment is not intended to interfere with this arrangement.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
No.						
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)		-100	-100	-100	-100	-400
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?						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is dollar limited funding provided to the ALS and it is their decision as to how the amount is applied between staffing and program costs. 						

Administration of the election commitment
<p>How will the election commitment be administered? The Aboriginal Legal Service of NSW/ACT will be provided with grant funding from JACS. The extra funding will be managed within the existing management framework in place at the ALS</p> <p>Who will administer the election commitment? JACS.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>No, the cost of administering the grant will be absorbed from within existing directorate resources.</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? The ALS is currently administered with Commonwealth funding, and its operations cover both NSW and ACT. This election commitment is not intended to interfere with this arrangement.</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></p> <p>From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p>Will the election commitment cease and if so when? The election commitment is intended to run during the four years 2013/14 until 2016/17.</p>