


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Establishing a joint task force to tackle court delays</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/justice-0">http://act.greens.org.au/content/justice-0</a> (page 4, point 5)					
Summary of election commitment:	For the Justice and Community Safety Directorate to provide secretariat support for joint meetings of legal stakeholders and the Government to discuss options to reduce court delays.					
Intention of election commitment:	Better consultation and buy in of the legal profession to reduce delays in the courts.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12					
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?</b>						
<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.</p> <p><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>						
<b>Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</b>						
N/A.						
<b>Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?</b>						
Yes, legal stakeholders such as the DPP, Legal Aid, the ACT Law Society, the ACT Bar Association will be invited to join the taskforce.						
<b>Will funding/the cost require indexation?</b>						
N/A.						
<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>						
	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>						
Capital						
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						
<b>What is the likely take up?</b>						
N/A.						

**Any other assumptions?**

- The Justice and Community Safety Directorate has spent considerable resources examining the problem of court delays in recent years and providing secretariat support for the taskforce would be managed within those existing resources.
- The number of meeting per year and the complexity of the tasks required of the secretariat will depend on the taskforce initiatives and it is difficult to anticipate, however it is not expected to be beyond what the existing resources can accommodate.

**Administration of the election commitment**

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

The commitment will be administered by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

JACS.

**Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment? No**

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

No. Any additional cost will be absorbed from within existing directorate resources.

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

From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.

**Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?**

N/A.

**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?*

From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.

**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.