


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Implementing the Ombudsman's recommendations on victims of crime without delays</i>					
<b>Person and party requesting costing:</b>	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
<b>Date of public release of election commitment, including source:</b>	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 3, point 4)					
<b>Summary of election commitment:</b>	To adopt the 2012 recommendations from the ACT Ombudsman on Victims of Crime					
<b>Intention of election commitment:</b>	Provide a swift Government response to an issue raised publicly by the Ombudsman					
<b>Signature of person requesting costing:</b>						
<b>Date of request for costing:</b>	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>						
No.						
<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>						
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'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.						
<b>Any other assumptions?</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Justice and Community Safety Directorate would act as the lead agency in implementing the ACT Ombudsman's recommendation made in its May 2012 Report <i>Administration of Applications for Financial Assistance under the Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 1983</i>. The recommendation was:</li> </ul>						

*“That the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, in consultation with the Victims of Crime Commissioner, ACTGS and Magistrates Court, review the administrative arrangements for progressing applications for financial assistance under the Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 1983. A review should consider the feasibility of developing and implementing a structured case management methodology and improving outcomes for victims. The methodology should include:*

- *an identified agency or officer who is impartial to the outcome of applications to track and ensure the progress of applications*
- *case management procedures that emphasise that applications should progress expeditiously*
- *guidelines for officers conducting assessments of financial assistance applications that acknowledge, and give consideration to, the likelihood that applicants will not have effective legal representation, are consistent with the beneficial nature and intent of the legislation, and are consistent with the Territory’s obligations to act as a ‘model litigant’.”*

- That the work can be performed within existing resources.

<b>Administration of the election commitment</b>
<b>How will the election commitment be administered?</b> The commitment will be administered by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate
<b>Who will administer the election commitment?</b> JACS
<b>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</b> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions. No. Any additional cost will be absorbed from within existing directorate resources.
<b>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?</b> From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.
<b>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?</b> N/A.
<b>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?</b> No.
<b>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?</b> <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i> From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.
<b>Will the election commitment cease and if so when?</b> The election commitment is intended to run during the four years 2013/14 until 2016/17