


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Lobbying the Federal Government to better fund Legal Aid Commissions</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 3)					
<b>Summary of election commitment:</b>	To lobby the Federal Attorney General to return the Commonwealth to the position in the 1990's where it funded 50% of Australia's Legal Aid Commissions					
<b>Intention of election commitment:</b>	To increase the supply of Legal Aid					
<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>						
Yes, the commitment is to negotiate an increase in Commonwealth funding for Legal Aid.						
<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>						
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	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?**

- That the work be carried out by the ACT Attorney General and JACS and would be able to be undertaken within the existing resources of the directorate.

**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?**

The ACT Attorney General.

**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. 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.