


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Familiarisation program for new Federal Parliamentarians</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/tourism_0.pdf">http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/tourism_0.pdf</a> (page 4, point 4)
Summary of election commitment:	Provide a Canberra familiarisation for new Federal Parliamentarians.
Intention of election commitment:	Support local business by increasing patronage and equipping Federal Parliamentarians to be ambassadors on behalf of the ACT's attractions.
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?**

**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.  
**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.

**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 Canberra Business Council will be funded to carry out the familiarisation program.

**Will funding/the cost require indexation?**

No, it is once off funding to align with the next term of Federal Parliament and the new parliamentarians first arriving in Canberra.

**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 <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-15				-15
Capital						

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.

**What is the likely take up?**

The take up by new Federal Parliamentarians is difficult to forecast as the numbers of newly elected parliamentarians will not be known until after the election. However this will not have an impact on the maximum amount of the commitment.

**Any other assumptions?**

- The \$15,000 in funding is the maximum grant funding that will be provided.
- The exact nature and scope of the program will be determined in consultation with the Canberra Business Council, Australian Capital Tourism and local business.
- It is anticipated that the program will incorporate the local and national institutions but also have a focus on other Canberra attractions and a deeper exposure to all the city has to offer.

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

The once off direct grant will be administered by the Economic Development Directorate.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

EDD.

**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. The cost EDD administering the grant will be absorbed from within existing funds.

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

After the results from the next Federal election are known invitations will be sent to newly elected parliamentarians.

**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, the level of commitment during each period etc?*

After the next federal election.

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

At the end of the 2013-14 financial year.