


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Improve bushfire monitoring</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	3 rd October 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/content/nature-parks-package (point 3, page 4)					
Summary of election commitment:	This commitment is to provide an additional \$100,000 annually to expand the monitoring of controlled burns.					
Intention of election commitment:	This initiative aims to better and more frequently monitor the impact of controlled burns in Canberra's nature reserves.					
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?						
No						
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"> • The costing is based on information reported in the Commissioner for the Environment's 2011 Investigation into Canberra Nature Park. The investigation quotes TAMS' statement 						

that additional funding is needed to enable monitoring of bushfire management strategies to be expanded and improved.¹

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The commitment will be administered by staff in the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.

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.

It is assumed that all associated costs of the commitment are included within the funding provided.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

2013-14 to 2016-17.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?

No.

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

It is proposed that the monitoring work would commence in 2013-14 as detailed above.

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?

N/A

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

The commitment will run for each of the next 4 years.

¹ Commissioner for the Environment's *Investigation into the Canberra Nature Park (2011)*