


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Interpreter Scholarships</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 th October http://act.greens.org.au/content/multicultural-0					
Summary of election commitment:	\$127,000 for 10 ACT Interpret scholarships to assist people to become interpreters in languages where there are identified shortages					
Intention of election commitment:	Increase the number of interpreters in operation for important situations such as medical and legal situations					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	11/10/12					
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?						
Yes, the funding will be provided to a community organisation/s who will help the successful scholarship placements attend Canberra Institute of Technology and undertake the Advanced Translator test through the national Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
Yes.						
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)		-62	-65			-127
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?						
- \$50,000 (indexed at 2.5%) a year for two years would be provided to a community						

organisation via tender. This funding would be to support the 10 scholarship holders

- \$12,000 would be allocated in 2013/14 to cover \$1,200 worth of tuition fees at the Canberra Institute of Technology for each scholarship holder. This would be sufficient for a student to undertake the CIT Certificate III in English for Employment, Study and Life (quoted at \$600 on 3rd October) and one other equivalent course
- \$15,000 in 2014/15 for each of the scholarship holders to take the Advanced Translator test through the national Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd. As at 3rd October the test fee was \$1,371.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The Education and Training Directorate will run the grant process to determine the most appropriate community organisation. The Community organisation will then be responsible for assisting the students with enrolment at CIT and providing other supports.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Education and Training Directorate will be the government agency responsible for administering the commitment

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 2013-14.

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?

By 2013-14

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

At the end of 2014/15.