


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>English as an Additional Language or Dialect</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2">http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2</a>					
Summary of election commitment:	Enhanced (EALD) programs/funding					
Intention of election commitment:	Provide funding to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Increase resources including teaching staff, to underpin raising the level of language proficiency;</li> <li>(2) Provide a family support worker for the Dickson College bridging program and the Intensive English Language centres; and</li> <li>(3) a feasibility study into housing/hostel accommodation for newly arrived and refugee students attending Dickson College</li> </ul>					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	11/10/12					
<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>						
A capped amount.						
<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>						
No						
<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>						
	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>		-1,200	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-4,200
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?**

1. \$200,000 in 2013-14 has been allocated to a feasibility study into housing/hostel accommodation for newly arrived and refugees at Dickson College.
2. A Family Support Worker would be funded at ACT Public Service Education and Training Directorate Enterprise Agreement 2012 - 2013 Administrative Services Officer Class 5 (\$65,660).

Additional costs have been added to this base costing based on the ACT Government Standard Costing Parameters 2012. These are:

- Superannuation of 9% (page 4);
- Workers compensation of 4% (page 8);
- Accrued benefits of 4% (page 4);
- Administrative On-Costs of \$17,027 (indexed by CPI of 2.5% from 2013-14);
- General cost escalator for the ET2 of 3% per annum (page 6).

3. Following an assessment of the best means of delivering an expanded EALD program the capped funding will be allocated to other EALD programs.

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

The extra funding will be managed within the existing management framework in place at the Education and Training Directorate.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Education and Training 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.

The funding provided is expected to meet the costs associated with the program expansion.

**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