


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Student Assistance Teams</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2					
Summary of election commitment:	Two new multidisciplinary Student Assistance Teams with social workers, teachers and counsellors/psychologists.					
Intention of election commitment:	These teams would work with students who are at risk of disengaging and may have high needs and complex behaviours. They will provide greater support to students, families and the whole school community.					
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?						
No.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
Yes, funding has been indexed.						
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)		-721	-743	765	-788	-3,017
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?

- The new Student Assistant Teams in this election commitment will be modeled on the Suspension Support Teams, and it is assumed that the cost would be similar.
- In answer to QON 2137 , the Minister for Education and Training advised that the total cost in the first year to provide a Suspension Support Team in each network, four teams in total, would be \$1.4 Million.
- This includes staffing, administration support and facility setup costs. As it is not possible at this time to determine what the facility set up cost component would be, all funding has been expensed.
- Dividing the \$1.4million figure by four, it is assumed the cost of one team of equivalent make up would be \$350,000. This commitment is to fund two teams; therefore the total commitment is to \$700,000 indexed at 3%, recognising that the majority of the expense is salaries.

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

The new Student Assistant Teams 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.

Any additional implementation costs are expected to be absorbed within existing 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.