


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Creation of a Single ACT Conservation Agency</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	7 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/BIODIVERSITY.pdf (point 2, page 2)
Summary of election commitment:	A merger of the ACT's existing conservation services into a single conservation agency.
Intention of election commitment:	The commitment aims to ensure that biodiversity policy, planning, research and management are better integrated.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	11/10/12

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?
 N/A.

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 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)						
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up?
 N/A.

<p>What are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?</p>
<p>Any other assumptions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would require organisational re-structuring as opposed to physical re-structuring. Although some administrative costs will be incurred in the merger including, it has been assumed that these costs can be met out of the merged Directorates' existing budgets. It is also anticipated that the initiative would result in more streamlined operations and improved efficiencies thereby potentially generating net savings within the Directorates involved.
<p>Administration of the election commitment</p>
<p>How will the election commitment be administered?</p> <p>The commitment will be overseen by the relevant environmental policy and land management authorities within the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.</p>
<p>Who will administer the election commitment?</p> <p>The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate and the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.</p>
<p>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions. <p>No. Administrative expenses associated with the restructure are expected to be absorbed by the relevant Directorates.</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?</p> <p>The re-structuring should be finalised by the end of 2013-14.</p>
<p>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?</p> <p>No.</p>
<p>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?</p> <p>No.</p>
<p>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?</p> <p><i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i></p> <p>By the end of 2013-14.</p>
<p>Will the election commitment cease and if so when?</p> <p>N/A.</p>