


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Micro credit</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	8 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Business.pdf (page 3)
Summary of election commitment:	Allocate an additional \$811,000 to micro-credit programs in the ACT including additional support for Lighthouse to run these programs.
Intention of election commitment:	Assist the development of new sustainable businesses.
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?

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?
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 Lighthouse

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)		-175	-210	-212	-214	-811
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?

- That the money be provided to Lighthouse to boost the existing program for women and extend the program to also cover other groups in need of additional assistance.
- the funding would also be designed to cover scoping and consultation work in 2013/14 and

administration by Lighthouse in each of the four years.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The Economic Development Directorate would administer the grant under the existing arrangements with Lighthouse.

Who will administer the election commitment?

EDD.

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 costs are expected to be absorbed within existing directorate resources.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

From 2013-14 onwards.

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?

From 2013/14

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

The commitment runs for each of the four years starting in 2013-14.