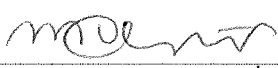


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Dental hygienists
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	9 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/health-package-mental-dental-and-preventative
Summary of election commitment:	Provision of up to 4 public dental hygienists.
Intention of election commitment:	To improve the provision of preventative public dental services.
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.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

Yes, salary funding has been indexed by 3% per annum.

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)		-454	-467	-480	-494	-1,895
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?

- Each dental hygienist will be employed as a Dentist Level 1-2 as per the ACT Health (Health Professionals) Enterprise Agreement 2011-13. The salary for each dental

hygienist will be \$79,212 as of 2012, indexed at 3% per annum.

- Other costings also calculated for each dental hygienist using the ACT Government Standard Costing Parameters 2012 include:
 - Superannuation of 9% per annum;
 - Leave Benefits of 4% per annum;
 - Non-Clerical Workers Compensation of 4% per annum; and
 - an Overhead Component of \$17,027 per staff person (in 2012-13, indexed at 2.5% per annum).

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

Who will administer the election commitment?

ACT Health Directorate will be responsible for administering the election 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, the ACT Health Directorate will be expected to absorb administrative expenses from within its existing resources.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

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?

2013-14.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A