


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<b>Mental Health Funding</b>
<b>Person and party requesting costing:</b>	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
<b>Date of public release of election commitment, including source:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/health-package-mental-dental-and-preventative">http://act.greens.org.au/content/health-package-mental-dental-and-preventative</a>
<b>Summary of election commitment:</b>	Increase mental health funding by \$35m.
<b>Intention of election commitment:</b>	To enhance the provision of mental health services to people affected by mental illness.
<b>Signature of person requesting costing:</b>	
<b>Date of request for costing:</b>	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 some proportion of the new funding will be delivered by the community sector.

**Will funding/the cost require indexation?**  
 No.

**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 <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-8,750	-8,750	-8,750	-8,750	-35,000
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 expertise of the Minister for Health's Advisory Council on Mental Health to determine which specific programs should be funded.

- Funding will be utilised to expanded ACT Health services as well as community mental health services.
- Components of the funding would be directed towards education and prevention of mental illness. The funding will also be targeted towards assisting people to recover from an acute episode of mental illness in the community setting.

***Administration of the election commitment***

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

It will be the responsibility of the ACT Health, with advice from the Minister for Health's Advisory Council on Mental Health, to determine how the election commitment will 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.

Yes, the administration costs for ACT Health are contained within the funding provided.

**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