


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Urban Tree Funding</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	11 October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/urban-trees					
Summary of election commitment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To establish an Urban Tree Trust to pay for the purchasing and planting of urban trees (2) To pay \$1million into the trust each financial year starting in 2013-14 (3) Require quarterly reporting on expenditure from the Trust, recent plantings and projected plantings 					
Intention of election commitment:	To support the long term health of Canberra's urban trees					
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?						
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 ^(a)		-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-4,000
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						
Any other assumptions?						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Urban Tree Trust will fund the growing, purchasing and planting of new trees. - Funds not spent in one year will be available for later years when environment conditions, are better for planting, eg better rainfall predictions. 						

- Funds already allocated to TAMS for urban trees will not be re-allocated to the new Trust. ie those existing funds will remain as currently allocated.

Administration of the election commitment	
How will the election commitment be administered?	The Trust will be administered by the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.
Who will administer the election commitment?	TAMS
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?	<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. No, any associated expenses are expected to be absorbed within existing directorate resources.
What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?	From the commencement of 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? <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i>	The commitment would become fully operational during 2013-14.
Will the election commitment cease and if so when?	The commitment runs for each of the four years starting in 2013-14.