


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>More support for students with disabilities</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Katy Gallagher, ACT Labor
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	17/9/12 http://www.katygallagher.net/?p=2208
Summary of election commitment:	\$10 million in more support for students with learning disabilities
Intention of election commitment:	To provide \$10 million in grants over the next four years to fund schools who want to undertake new and innovative programs for helping students with learning disabilities and complex learning needs.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	8-10-12

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?

This is a grants program. Grants will fund new, innovative programs to help students with complex learning needs. These grants are accessible to both government mainstream and government special needs schools.

Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? Capped

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)						
Expenses ^(a)		-2,500	-2,500	-2,500	-2,500	-10,000
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up? We assume the grants program will be fully subscribed.

Any other assumptions?

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered? As a grants program

Who will administer the election commitment? The Education and Training Directorate

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?

No – this is a part of everyday business and any costs will be absorbed.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment? It will begin in 2013-14

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation? No

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?

2013-14 (is there any potential to do this earlier through the Budget Update, i.e. disabled students can't wait?)

Will the election commitment cease and if so when? This is a four year grants program. Any decision to extend will need to be taken by the Government of the day.