


Request for costing an Election commitment

Name of election commitment:	Weston Creek - additional Xpresso bus services
Person and party requesting costing:	Katy Gallagher ACT Labor
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	26 September 2012 http://www.katygallagher.net/?p=2349
Summary of election commitment:	\$0.63 million over four years for additional Xpresso bus services for Weston Creek.
Intention of election commitment:	To double the current Xpresso bus service offering.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	9.10.12

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

ACT Labor will double the number of Xpresso buses between Weston Creek and the City to four in the morning and four in the afternoon. This includes a direct Xpresso from Coleman Court to the City.

The cost has been indexed at 3% per annum.

There is no capital cost as the services will be met from the current bus fleet.

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?
The cost has been indexed at 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)		-150.0	-155	-160	-165	-630
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up?

The policy provides additional express bus services for the Weston Creek community. Coupled with the inclusion of park and ride and bike and ride facilities there is expected to be a significant take up of the new services.

Any other assumptions?

No

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

Through ACTION in the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate.

Who will administer the election commitment?

ACTION/TAMS

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

No – any additional administration costs will be absorbed by ACTION/TAMS

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?

2013-14

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

There is no intention to cease these services.

The continuation of funding beyond these four years will, however, be a decision for the government of the day.