


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Trash Pack Subsidy for concession card holders
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	11/09/12 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Waste%20pack age.pdf
Summary of election commitment:	A commitment of \$2 Million over four years to a trash pack subsidy of up to \$180 a year for concession card holders to assist with removal and recycling of garden waste
Intention of election commitment:	To assist those on low incomes with the recycling of their garden waste.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	5/10/12

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?

Funding for this commitment is demand driven. \$2,000,000 over four years is estimated to meet the demand which we project to be no more than 2,500 households per year at full monthly utilisation which is unlikely.

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)						
Recurrent Expenses ^(a)		500	500	500	500	2,000
Capital						

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

What is the likely take up?

The subsidy would be an annual subsidy for concession card holders. Only one subsidy per household would be allowed, ie two concession card holders living in the same residence would

only be able to access the \$180 subsidy once per year. It is anticipated that up to 2,500 households would be able to receive this subsidy.

Any other assumptions?

- a subsidy of 50% of the average cost of a 12 monthly delivery and collection of single trashpack per household. The cost of a monthly collection of a single trash pack is \$30. The full twelve month price is \$360 and the 50% subsidy is therefore \$180.
- Some additional funding for administrative support has also been provided. This is intended to cover any administrative work the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate carry out that cannot be covered within existing resources. The administrative burden is expected to decline after the first year and it is assumed that the balance of any costs can be absorbed by the directorate.

A breakdown of the expenses is as follows:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cost of concession,		450	461	472	484	1867
Administrative support		50	39	28	16	133

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The election commitment 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?

– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?

– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

An additional allowance has been made for administrative expenses. It is expected that these expenses will decline after the first year and that the balance of any costs can be absorbed by the Directorate.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

From the commencement of the 2013-14 financial year.

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?

From the 2013-14 financial year.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A.