


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Changes to make housing more affordable</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	19 September 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Planning.pdf
Summary of election commitment:	\$100,000 is allocated to undertake a study to identify planning changes to improve housing options and housing affordability.
Intention of election commitment:	To make better planning decisions as part of the solution to the complex problem of housing affordability.
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?

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?

The amount is capped at \$100,000.

Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?

Yes. It is anticipated that external expertise will be utilised to conduct the review.

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 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	Total \$'000
Revenue ^(a)						
Expenses ^(a)		-100				-100
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 commitment assumes that the process would be undertaken by an external consultant and would consider issues within the rules that have an unnecessary negative impact on housing affordability such as parking, set back requirements generally as well as the range of issues associated with office to residential conversions. As well as this the review will also consider new housing options such as co-operative style housing.
- The work is to identify the issues within the Territory Plan and associated planning, not to provide definitive answers on how each would be solved.
- It is expected that the work will be a basis on which additional work within the directorate can be undertaken.
- It is the responsibility of the directorate to ensure that the commitment is delivered within the allocated funding.

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

The consultancy would be managed by EDD as the agency with the most direct involvement in provision of affordable housing and recommendations would especially address planning through ACTPLA processes and regulations

Who will administer the election commitment?

EDD and ESDD

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? The EDD would be expected to manage the consultancy within existing resources
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

Work would commence in 2013-14 and be completed by 30 June 2014.

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, level of commitment during each period etc?
As above.

Will election commitment cease and if so when?

As above.