


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Bus Boost, item 2 - Better school bus services
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	20 August 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/TRANSPORT_Bus_Boost.pdf
Summary of election commitment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct an ACT wide school survey of travel patterns and travel needs, to proactively determine where new and improved school bus routes should operate. This will include school students and parents. 2. \$3m over the following 3 years for improved school bus routes.
Intention of election commitment:	Improve school bus services.
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?
 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)						
Expenses ^(a)		-30	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-3,030
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?

- \$30,000 in the 13-14 year is for the additional expense of determining how best to expand school bus services.
- The further \$1,000,000 p/a is to implement the initial work as well as possible with the funding provided. This could be used for a combination of route planning and employing more bus drivers

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

As set out above, it will be administered as part of the Action school network.

Who will administer the election commitment?

Action/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.

The funding of 1,000,000 per annum for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 can be used flexibly by ACTION to provide additional services.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

The survey will occur during the 2013-14 year. The new bus services will commence in the 2014-15 year.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?

N/A.

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

N/A.

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?

It is expected the survey will be completed by half way through the 2013-14 year, allowing 6 months lead in to the commencement of new bus services in the 2014-15 year. ACTION can adjust these services over time based on need, new data etc.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A.