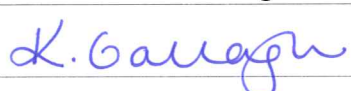


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Smart School ICT innovation grants</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Katy Gallagher, ACT Labor
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	31/8/12 http://www.katygallagher.net/?p=1914
Summary of election commitment:	\$5 million to further public school students' education in ICT
Intention of election commitment:	To provide public schools with grants to further enhance their teaching of ICT.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	15.10.12

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

The grants will be used to promote ICT learning and development in schools, including the extension of modern, computer-based techniques into mathematics and science learning, with focus areas including:

- Provide more professional development and support for teachers involved with ICT learning;
- Encourage more students, in particular female students, to take up ICT courses such as computer science and software development;
- Supply students in science, mathematics and technical courses with programmable mini-computers and appropriate software;
- Provide more support for college students to enter into early-entry university 'H' courses in maths, science, engineering and ICT.
- Host 'hack-days' and development events for students in collaboration with business and industry; and
- Develop virtual smartphone or tablet based curriculum and student resources for individual schools (based on the successful Hawker College initiative)

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)		-1,250	-1,250	-1,250	-1,250	-5,000

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

What is the likely take up? These grants will be available to all public schools to apply for.

Any other assumptions? That the grants will vary in size and number.

<i>Administration of the election commitment</i>
How will the election commitment be administered? Through the Education and Training Directorate
Who will administer the election commitment? ETD
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment? No – this is a part of normal business for ETD and any costs will be met within existing resources.
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? 2016-17
Will the election commitment cease and if so when? This is a four year program ceasing in 2016-17.