


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Learning Support Assistants – professional development</i>					
<b>Person and party requesting costing:</b>	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
<b>Date of public release of election commitment, including source:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2">http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2</a>					
<b>Summary of election commitment:</b>	A review and expansion of professional development opportunities, for Learning Support Assistants					
<b>Intention of election commitment:</b>	Learning Support Assistants provided with the most up to date and evidence based teaching methods, and greater consistency in the support provided across schools.					
<b>Signature of person requesting costing:</b>						
<b>Date of request for costing:</b>	11/10/12					
<b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?</b>						
<p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>						
<b>Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</b>						
A capped amount.						
<b>Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?</b>						
No.						
<b>Will funding/the cost require indexation?</b>						
No.						
<b>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)?</b>						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-25	-25	-25	-25	-100
Capital						
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						
<b>What is the likely take up?</b>						
We anticipate that around 100 Learning Support Assistants will be able to participate in additional training opportunities.						

**Any other assumptions?**

- The range of professional development opportunities available will be reviewed utilising existing resources of the Directorate.
- The funding is intended to deliver increased training courses as well as casual relief teachers to backfill the jobs of learning support assistants while they are out of the class undertaking professional development.
- The program roll out will depend on the review and options for efficiency within the existing training program.
- It will be the responsibility of ETD to ensure that the expanded training program is delivered within the allocated funding.

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

The funding will be managed within the existing management framework in place at the Education and Training Directorate.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Education and Training Directorate.

**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.

No. The cost of undertaking the review as well as the increased administration of the expanded training program is expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

**What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?**

From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.

**Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?**

N/A

**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 start of the 2013-14 financial year.

**Will the election commitment cease and if so when?**

The election commitment is intended to run during the four years 2013-14 until 2016-17.