


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| Name of election commitment: | A new FOI Act | | | | | |
| Person and party requesting costing: | Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader | | | | | |
| Date of public release of election commitment, including source: | 14 September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/greens-make-open-government-reality-act | | | | | |
| Summary of election commitment: | A new Freedom of information scheme and funding to train government officers in its application. | | | | | |
| Intention of election commitment: | To improve the availability of government information to the public. | | | | | |
| 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? | | | | | | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | | | |
| 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? | | | | | | |
| Yes an FOI expert will be contracted to provide the training services. | | | | | | |
| 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) | | -50 | -15 | -15 | -15 | -95 |
| 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?

- Following the passage of a new FOI Act, training would be provided to Directorate FOI officers and senior executives.
- The majority of the funding is in the first year to ensure that the new Act is administered as efficiently as possible from the outset.
- The training will be provided by an FOI expert such as Information Consultants Pty Ltd who undertook the training program run by the Queensland Information Commissioner following the introduction of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.
- The funding is a capped amount and it will be the responsibility of the Directorate to ensure that the training program is delivered within the funding provided.

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| Administration of the election commitment |
| How will the election commitment be administered? JACS will engage an FOI expert to provide training to relevant staff and senior executives from all government directorates. |
| Who will administer the election commitment? JACS. |
| 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 agency will absorb any further expenses associated with the training program and the legislative change. |
| 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? <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i> 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. |