


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Community Sector Reforms</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	20 th September 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/community-sector-reforms					
Summary of election commitment:	Funding for the Community Sector Reform Program.					
Intention of election commitment:	Remove the co contribution, and fund a range of reforms designed to reduce red tape and ensure the continued viability of the Community Sector.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12					
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?						
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)		-400	-400	-400	-400	-1,600
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 existing reform program will continue as outlined in "Community Sector Reform Program Facts and Issues" document publicly circulated by the Minister's office, dated 23/5/2012.
- The 0.34% co contribution will be removed from non government community service providers, and replaced with the additional \$400,000 per annum in budget funding.

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

This initiative funds an existing program which, apart from the funding arrangements, will continue unchanged.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Community Services 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 additional allowance has been made as the program is already underway.

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.