


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Therapy Assistants Program</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	4 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/content/education-2					
Summary of election commitment:	Increase funding to the Therapy Assistants Program, and make this funding ongoing					
Intention of election commitment:	To better support more children with disability and developmental delays to receive vital services in schools.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	11/10/12					
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?						
Yes.						
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)		-226	-773	-796	-820	-2,615
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?						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current the Community Services Directorate budget provides \$524,000 for the program in 2013-14 (see BP3, pg 128) • This initiative will increase funding to the Therapy Assistants Program in the first year, and then maintain that level of funding in the out years (indexed at 3% as most of the expense is salaries). 						

Administration of the election commitment
<p>How will the election commitment be administered? The funding will be managed within the existing management framework in place at the Community Services Directorate.</p>
<p>Who will administer the election commitment? The Community Services Directorate.</p>
<p>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment? - If yes, please specify the key assumptions. <p>The funding provided is intended to fully resource the expanded program such that only minor administrative expenses are expected to be absorbed.</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment? From the start of the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation? N/A</p>
<p>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered? No.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Will the election commitment cease and if so when? N/A</p>