


### Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<b>Drinking Fountains and mobile drinking and refill stations</b>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	10/10/12 <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/drinking%20fountains.pdf">http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/drinking%20fountains.pdf</a>					
Summary of election commitment:	To increase public access to drinking water by (a) Installing and maintaining 20 new drinking fountains (b) Providing drinking refill stations at public events and free reusable water bottles					
Intention of election commitment:	To increase public access to drinking water and reduce waste					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	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>						
The funding for this policy commitment is 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>		-64	-53	-51	-51	-218
Capital		-80	-80			-160
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						
<b>What is the likely take up?</b>						
N/A						

**Any other assumptions?**

- Ten water fountains will be installed in 2013/14 and the following 10 in 2014/15
- The first batch of ten installed in 2013/14 will commence operation during 2013/14
- The second batch of ten installed in 2014/15 will commence operation during 2014/15
- Costings are based on Question on Notice 2333, where installation and connection of a drinking fountain is costed at \$4,500 - \$8,000. Our costings are for 20 fountains at upper limit, totalling \$160,000.
- Maintenance costs are based on the Manly Council model, that costed maintenance at \$10,000 per year for 20 fountains. We have used this figure in years 2-4 but only \$5,000 in 2013-14 given that the taps will not be new and not operational for the full year.
- As per TAMS 2010-11 audited financial statements, note 2(v), Plant and Equipment is depreciated on straight line basis and has estimated useful life of 2-50 years. For this initiative we assume drinking fountains have a useful life of 10 years with depreciation of \$16,640 per year for 20 fountains.
- Up to four mobile drinking and refill stations will be provided at up to two public events annually. The cost of hire and transport of these mobile stations has been confirmed as reasonable via a quote from a supplier.
- Up to 10,000 reusable water bottles in total will be given away free at public events. These bottles will be purchased in the first year, and it is anticipated that all of them will be given away in the first year. Any remaining will be given away in subsequent years. The cost of purchase of these bottled has been confirmed as reasonable via a quote from a supplier.

A breakdown of the recurrent expenses is as follows:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Maintenance on drinking fountains		-5	-10	-10	-10	-35
Depreciation on drinking fountains		-8.6	-16.6	-16.6	-16.6	-58.4
Cost of capital		-3.4	-6.9	-7.2	-7.5	-25
Cost of hire and transport of mobile drinking fountains and refill stations		-14.25	-14.25	-14.25	-14.25	-57
Cost of procuring reusable bottles		-22				-22
Advertising of mobile drinking fountains, refill stations and reusable bottles		-10	-5	-3	-3	-21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-63.25</b>	<b>-52.7</b>	<b>-51.05</b>	<b>-51.35</b>	<b>-218.4</b>

<b>Administration of the election commitment</b>
<p><b>How will the election commitment be administered?</b>  Within the Territory and Administrative Services Directorate.</p>
<p><b>Who will administer the election commitment?</b>  Within the Territory and Administrative Services Directorate.</p>
<p><b>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</b>  – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?  – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.  No. It is assumed that the directorate will be able to absorb the cost of administering the initiative.</p>
<p><b>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?</b>  From the commencement of the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p><b>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?</b>  No.</p>
<p><b>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?</b>  No.</p>
<p><b>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?</b>  <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i>  From the 2013-14 financial year.</p>
<p><b>Will the election commitment cease and if so when?</b>  N/A</p>

