

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| Name of election commitment: | <i>Certificate III in children's services</i> |
| Person and party requesting costing: | Katy Gallagher, ACT Labor |
| Date of public release of election commitment, including source: | 16/9/12 http://www.katygallagher.net/?p=2189 |
| Summary of election commitment: | Scholarships for early childhood educators to gain a Certificate III in children's services |
| Intention of election commitment: | To provide up to an additional 90 scholarships. |
| Signature of person requesting costing: | <i>K. Gallagher</i> |
| Date of request for costing: | <i>9.10.12</i> |

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?

In the 2011-12 Budget the ACT Labor Government provided \$785,000 over two years to help early childhood educators to gain a Certificate III in Children's Services. This funding has provided for about 86 scholarships that cover full course fees, employer payment to replace the educator for two hours per week for up to 50 weeks, start-up costs of \$300 towards items necessary for their course (laptop, computer programs, textbooks or stationery), and any additional support required (tutoring, literacy and numeracy).

This funding will extend the scholarships for another three years, providing about 90 additional scholarships at a cost of \$740,000.

Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount? Capped

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? Indexation has been included

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) | | -240 | -250 | -250 | | -740 |
| Capital | | | | | | |

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.

What is the likely take up?

Any other assumptions?

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered? Through the Community Services Directorate

Who will administer the election commitment? CSD

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?

This is a continuation of an existing Government program, so it is not expected there will be any extra costs associated with it. Any additional costs will be absorbed.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment? Scholarships will begin in 2013-14

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation? No

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered? No

When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?

The scholarships will start in 2013-14

Will the election commitment cease and if so when? This is a three year program, ceasing at the end of 2015-16.