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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Treasurer)

Election Commitments Costing Amendment Bill 2016

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Election Commitments Costing Amendment Act 2016*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*.

**4 Withdrawal of costing requests
Section 6 (1)**

omit

section 9 (3) or section 10 (3)

substitute

section 9 (2) or section 10 (2)

5 New section 6 (1A)

insert

(1A) Also, a person may withdraw a costing request made by the person in a costing period for an election of the Legislative Assembly if—

(a) the person is given a copy of the costing under section 9 (2) or section 10 (2); and

(b) the costing has not been made publicly available under section 9 (1) (b) or section 10 (1) (b); and

(c) the person has, during the costing period, withdrawn less than 6 costing requests after the costings of the requests have been given to the person; and

(d) notice of the withdrawal is given to the director-general under subsection (2) within the time stated in the guidelines.

6 Guidelines for costing election commitments

Section 7

omit

may

substitute

must

7 Costing of election commitments and publishing costings—before polling day

Section 9 (1) to (3)

substitute

(1) If the director-general receives a costing request before polling day—

(a) if the request is not withdrawn under section 6 (1)—the director-general must cost the election commitment—

(i) as soon as practicable after receiving the costing request; and

(ii) before polling day; and

(b) if the request is not withdrawn under section 6 (1) or (1A)—the director-general must make the costing publicly available—

(i) as soon as practicable; and

(ii) before polling day; but

1 (iii) not earlier than the time stated in the guidelines.

2 **Examples—publicly available**

3 1 published on the Treasury website

4 2 media release issued by Treasury

5 *Note* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend,
6 but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it
7 appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 126 and s 132).

8 (2) The director-general must, before making the costing publicly
9 available, give a copy of the costing to the person who made the
10 costing request.

11 **8 Costing of election commitments and publishing**
12 **costings—on or after polling day**
13 **Section 10 (1) to (3)**

14 *substitute*

15 (1) If the director-general receives a costing request on or after polling
16 day—

17 (a) if the request is not withdrawn under section 6 (1)—the
18 director-general must cost the election commitment—

19 (i) as soon as practicable after receiving the costing request;
20 and

21 (ii) before the end of the costing period; and

22 (b) if the request is not withdrawn under section 6 (1) or (1A)—the
23 director-general must make the costing publicly available—

24 (i) as soon as practicable; and

25 (ii) before the end of the costing period; but

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- 10 costing request.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 9 August 2016.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2016.

3 Republications of amended laws

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