

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Parliamentary Budget Officer Amendment Bill 2022

First print

Proposed amendments

No. 1 Election policies costing
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Schedule 1A Amendment of Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2010 No 83

[1] Section 18 Request for election policy costings by parliamentary leaders

Insert after section 18(3)—

- (3A) A parliamentary leader must not make an election costing request in relation to a policy that—
- (a) has previously been costed by the Parliamentary Budget Officer,
 - or
 - (b) the Parliamentary Budget Officer considers to be substantially similar to a policy that has previously been costed by the Officer.

[2] Section 21 Parliamentary Budget Officer to prepare costings of election policies

Omit section 21(1). Insert instead—

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving an election costing request, the Parliamentary Budget Officer must prepare a costing of the policy.

[3] Section 22 Public release of election policy costings

Omit section 22(1). Insert instead—

- (1) The Parliamentary Budget Officer must, in response to an election costing request from a parliamentary leader, publish the following on a publicly available website maintained for the purposes of this section—
- (a) the election costing request and
 - (b) the election policy costing.
- (1A) The publication must occur on the earlier of the following—
- (a) within 7 days after completing the costing,

(b) the fifth last day before the State general election is due to be held.

[4] Section 22(3)

Omit "provided". Insert instead "published".

No. 2 Long title

Insert "and the costing of election policies" after "Officer".