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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Ministerial declarations for drought assistance
Date of request:	14 January 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Re-establish Ministerial declarations as the trigger for determining a region eligible for drought assistance.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Improve speed and efficiency in relation to administering drought assistance policy.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years ² \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ³						
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴						
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵						

¹ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy.

³ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

⁴ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁵ Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	The policy being costed reverses an 8 February 2013 policy change of the current NSW Government. See NSW Parliamentary Research Service e-brief <i>Drought in NSW</i> , December 2013, p 2 (at Attachment 1).
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	This is a commitment to a decision-making process within the executive. It has no negative impact on the budget balance over the forward estimates. Under this policy, the granting of any particular drought declaration is a discretionary policy choice of government and will be booked as an expense at the time of the decision, consistent with standard government budget rules.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	..

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Primary Industries.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..