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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Reintroduce stock and fodder subsidies
Date of request:	3 February 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Reintroduce stock and fodder subsidies of up to 50%, to a maximum of \$20,000 per year. The subsidies will be available to farmers after being in drought for nine months or more, including farmers classified as in drought for nine months at policy commencement.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Assist farmers in drought.
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?	No.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>Stock and fodder subsidies will become available nine months after a region is declared as being in drought (consistent with the separate Labor policy on revised drought declaration arrangements).</p> <p>The subsidies will assist in the cost of the transport of cattle fodder and/or water to a property, stock to and from agistment; and stock to sale or slaughter.</p> <p>Exceptions may be made by the Minister (on advice from the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA)) if an area has not had enough time between drought declared periods to prepare, or in individual cases based on animal welfare.</p>
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:	Over the forward estimates.
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?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure ⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Demand driven
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	See <u>Assumptions</u> .

⁶ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.