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Election Costing Request Form

| Details of request | |
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| Party: | Australian Labor Party |
| Name of Policy: | Four nurse walk-in-centres |
| Date of request: | 12 February 2015 |

| Description of policy | |
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| Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents): | See Attachment 1 . |
| What is the purpose or intention of the policy? | A Labor Government will establish four nurse-led walk-in-centres – in Western Sydney, South Western Sydney, the Central Coast and in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven district. |
| Has the policy been publicly released yet? | |

| Your estimated costing of the policy ¹ | | | | | | |
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| | 2014/15 \$'000 | 2015/16 \$'000 | 2016/17 \$'000 | 2017/18 \$'000 | Other years ² \$'000 | Total \$'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 | |
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| 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>It is expected that the costs will be similar to the costs of running the ACT nurse-led walk-in-centres, adjusted for population differences.</p> <p>Following the ACT model, it is expected that the centres will typically be able to be established in Community Health Centres.</p> <p>In the event that it is not possible to locate a centre in an existing Community Health Centre, the preference is for the centres to be located on existing land administered under the Ministry of Health. However, the centres should not be established under any circumstances within one kilometre of a public hospital. If new premises are required, please cost either buying premises, or leasing premises, whichever of the two has the least impact on the operating balance to 2017-18 (including interest expenses). Construction and/or refurbishment costs should be included in the costing.</p> <p>The service design and configuration would be subject to extensive clinical consultation and clinically-led development of an evidence based model of care led by the Agency for Clinical Innovation and Clinical Excellence Commission.</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 | |
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| Intended date of implementation: | 1 July 2015. |
| Intended duration of policy: | Ongoing. |
| Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)? | NSW Ministry of Health. |
| 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 expenditure⁶ commitment | |
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| Demand driven or a capped amount: | Demand driven. |
| Eligibility criteria or thresholds: | .. |

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

Attachment 1 Nurse Walk-in-Centres

A Labor Government will establish four nurse-led Walk-in-Centres in NSW.

The centres will be open from 7am to 10 pm seven days a week, including public holidays. They will be staffed by nurse practitioners and advanced practice nurses and provide free one-off advice and treatment for people aged 2 years and older with minor injuries and illness. The WiCs will not take appointments but will operate on a walk in basis.

The WiC will be publicly funded and its services will be free of charge. It will provide acute and episodic care, and treat patients with the following ailments:

- Colds and Flus
- Cuts and abrasions
- Bites and Stings
- Minor illness
- Minor injuries

Nurses will also be able to provide sick/carer certificates (which differ to medical certificates).

People with serious, complex and ongoing conditions will not be treated at the WiC and will be redirected to the most appropriate medical practitioner. Motor vehicle and workplace injuries will not be assessed by WiC nurses.

A summary of the visit will be sent to the patient's nominated General Practitioner.

WiCs will relieve pressure on NSW Emergency Departments and provide an alternative, free health care option for the community.