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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Youth Drug and Alcohol Diversionary Scheme
Date of request:	16 February 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	See Attachment 1
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Contribute to reducing drug and alcohol use by young people and their consequent offending
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?	
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>The pilot scheme will operate at Parramatta Children's Court.</p> <p>The court should deliver the outcomes at minimum efficient cost, including by making modest changes to existing policy where appropriate. For example, one possibility is to schedule youth drug and alcohol cases on the same day each week in order to facilitate employment of the referral worker on a part-time basis.</p> <p>Because the policy builds on the existing structure of Children's Court, it will not require the separate infrastructure of specialist magistrates, specialist registrars and specialist practitioners.</p> <p>The primary cost is expected to the 24/7 contact service and referral worker employment.</p> <p>Where feasible, existing contact services should be extended if this reduces budget costs.</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:	1 July 2016
Intended duration of policy:	Over the forward estimates
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	NSW Ministry of Justice
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 Attachment 1

Attachment 1 – Youth Drug and Alcohol Diversionary Scheme

NSW Labor proposes a pilot scheme to operate at Parramatta Children’s Court. The features of the proposed Youth Drug and Alcohol Diversionary Scheme are:-

- Targeted to children and young people 10-18 years appearing at Parramatta Children’s Court on alcohol and drug related charges;
- A referral worker would be present at the criminal list day to assess any young person the Court might regard as eligible for the scheme;
- The worker would determine a plan to address the issues particularly interventions around alcohol and drug use. This would be with the young person’s consent and after a plea of guilty was entered. The young person would be placed on a long-term remand;
- Regular program reports would be provided in writing to the Court with formal court appearances if required;
- At completion of the program, the young person would be sentenced;
- The referral worker would refer the young person to presently existing services but would have a 24/7 contact service for support; and
- In appropriate cases Juvenile Justice could be involved in supervision.

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