

## **PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE**

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## **Election Costing Request Form**

Details of request			
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)		
Name of Policy:	Disability employment package		
Date of request:	17 February 2015		

Description of policy		
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Commit \$10 million to fund a disability employment package in response to a report by a panel of experts	
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Support the employment participation of people with disabilities through evidence-based initiatives	
Has the policy been publicly released yet?		

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure <sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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? (See checklist)	A panel of experts, chaired by Graeme Innis, will be allocated a fixed capped amount of \$500,000 in 2015-16 to prepare a report with recommendations on effective means of promoting workforce participation.			
	The scope of the report and panel specifications (size, meetings, etc) will be scaled to the allocated funding.			
	A Labor Government will develop a disability package responding to the expert recommendations, which will be announced in the 2015-16 Budget.			
	To support the new package, Labor is committing to allocate \$3.0 million in 2016-17, \$3.0 million in 2017-18 and \$3.5 million in 2018-19. The package will be scaled to be delivered within this capped amount.			
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.	From 2016-17, existing spending under the Employment Enablement Program will cease and be reallocated to support the new package.			

Administration of policy				
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2015			
Intended duration of policy:	Over the forward estimates			
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Disability Inclusion Office (see separate policy on the establishment of this office)			
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 <sup>6</sup> commitment		
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Demand-driven	
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	See <u>Assumptions</u> .	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.