



PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Inspector General for Parliamentary Standards
Date of request:	15 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Establish an Inspector General for Parliamentary Standards.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Ensure open, honest and accountable government.
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	-	500	513	523	1,538	536
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?	Yes – outlined in the policy document <i>A new standard</i> published in February 2013.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>Allocate \$500,000 annually (indexed) to establish an Office of the Inspector General for Parliamentary Standards. This funding will primarily support remuneration expenses.</p> <p>The Inspector General will have the power to issue fines, refer matters to the Independent Commission Against Corruption for further investigation or recommend dismissal of Members of Parliament in cases of corruption or serious misconduct.</p> <p>The Inspector General will conduct audits of the pecuniary interest register as well as investigate complaints referred to it by Members of Parliament or members of the public.</p> <p>The Inspector General will be an independent statutory position.</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.	The Office of the Inspector General may receive staffing support by reallocating existing government resources. It is expected that it will receive administrative and corporate services through an existing agency, although legislation will ensure that the Inspector General will be a fully independent statutory position.

Administration of policy	
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.)?	Department of Parliamentary Services will administer the establishment of the position and the office. The Inspector General will be a statutory independent position thereafter.
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	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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