



## PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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### Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	A new approach to ending violence against women
Date of request:	17 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	See <u>Attachment 1.</u>
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Take action to end violence against women.
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>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

<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>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<sup>5</sup> Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	Yes – announcement by Linda Burney and Sophie Cotsis on 9 March 2015.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>The policy being costed will provide fixed capped amounts over three years to support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 million to support women’s refuges;</li> <li>• \$2 million to expand counselling services for services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;</li> <li>• \$1.5 million to expand the “Tackling Violence” program for Indigenous Offenders; and</li> <li>• \$1 million to expand men’s behaviour change programs.</li> </ul> <p>The profile of the spending being costed is outlined in <a href="#">Attachment 1</a>.</p> <p>The policy would also undertake the following within existing resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish a Premier’s Council for Women and move the women’s portfolio back to the Department of Premier and Cabinet;</li> <li>• strengthen penalties for breaches of Apprehended Violence Orders;</li> <li>• expand domestic violence leave in the public sector and local government from five to ten days a year;</li> <li>• amend the Anti-Discrimination Act to protect victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;</li> <li>• work with police to strengthen the role of Police Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Labor is committed to the establishment of specialist domestic and sexual assault courts (separately costed).</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.	Agencies would be required to absorb potential administrative and staffing costs associated with the policy within existing resources.
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<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government, with spending components of the policy beginning from 1 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Premier and Cabinet; whole-of-government.
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?	N/a.

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	To be defined by government.

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

## Attachment 1

### A new approach to ending violence against women ('000)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Boost to support women's refuges	2,500	3,500	4,000	10,000
Expand counselling services	650	666	684	2,000
Tackling violence	500	500	500	1,500
Expand men's behavioural change programs	325	333	342	1,000
Total	3,975	4,999	5,526	14,500