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**Election Costing Request Form**

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	<i>A Better Way</i> – Reallocate Coalition budget commitments subsequent to the Half Yearly Review
Date of request:	22 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Any budget commitment made by the Coalition government subsequent to the Half Yearly Review is subject to consideration and decision by an elected Labor Government.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Ensure any budget commitments made after publication of the last budget update are subject to proper consideration by an elected Labor Government.
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?	Commitments by the Coalition Government booked against the budget subsequent to the Half Yearly Review.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>The Coalition Government has made commitments during the informal election period that were booked against the budget.</p> <p>These decisions were made subsequent to the last published budget update – the <i>Half Yearly Review</i> – which is intended to provide a common and transparent baseline for both major parties against which election commitments are to be made.</p> <p>As the Coalition has changed the budget after this time, without providing specific details about the relevant policy changes and their budget impact, Labor has not had the opportunity to review or scrutinise these decisions.</p> <p>It is expected that much of this expenditure is on policies that are effectively election commitments and relate to areas where Labor has proposed either alternative packages or maintained directly conflicting policy positions.</p> <p>Accordingly Coalition commitments during this period will be subject to review and consideration by a Labor Government to remove duplications and conflicts with Labor policies and priorities.</p> <p>The indicative assumption for the purpose of Labor’s budget impact statement should be that Labor will maintain 25% of the expenditure, and 15% of the capital, associated with the Coalition’s informal election commitments.</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.	All funding (in net lending terms) reallocated from Coalition commitments will be directed to support capital spending under Labor's <i>A Better Way</i> plan.
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<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Whole-of-government.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	Labor will scrutinise and review Coalition commitments upon formation of government.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	See <u>Assumptions</u> .
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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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.