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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Liberals/ Nationals
Name of Policy:	Delivering the NDIS early
Date of request:	10 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Refer to Attachment A
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Bring forward the full scheme NDIS for eligible people in the Penrith/Blue Mountains area of Western Sydney from July 2015 – a year ahead of schedule. We will start this roll-out by transitioning children (under 18 years of age) to the NDIS.
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	-	7,252	-7,252	-	-	
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴						
If different from above, impact on total						

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.

State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵						
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Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party?
If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	N/A
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	See Attachments A & B
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	N/A
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	See Attachments A & B

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.)?	Family and Community Services
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	N/A
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	N/A

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	See Attachments A & B
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	See Attachments A & B

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	
Collection method:	
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	

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

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

If the policy is mainly a capital costs ⁷ commitment	
Type of work, size and capacity:	
Proposed start and completion date of work:	
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	
Associated asset sell off (if any):	
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	
Third party funding involvement:	

Checklist for key assumptions (please be comprehensive and include all relevant assumptions).

Assumptions could include, but are not limited to, questions such as:

- What is the expected community impact?
- How many people will be affected by the policy?
- What is the likely take up or other behavioural response you expect?
- Is there a cap on total spending proposed, a funding formula, resource agreement or other mechanism of this nature associated with the policy?
- Will third parties have a role in funding or delivering the policy (e.g. Commonwealth Government)?
- Will funding/program cost require indexation?
 - If yes, do you have any assumptions about the index that should be applied?
- What assumptions have you made about costs of administering the policy?
 - For example, will additional staff be needed in the agency responsible for the policy?
 - If you have assumptions on this, how many and at what approximate levels?
 - Are there other administrative resources required?
 - Alternatively, are you assuming administrative costs will be absorbed within the agency?

Please note that:

- The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.
- The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requester. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requester in advance of the costing being completed.
- Where the details of the policy costing request differ from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of the information provided in the costing request.

⁷ Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance. The capital cost of the asset to be acquired will however be included in net financial liabilities.

- These guidelines are intended to facilitate requests for costing election policies. Persons preparing such requests who wish further assistance are invited to contact the staff of the Parliamentary Budget Office.

A re-elected Baird Government will start delivering the NDIS a year ahead of schedule



The Baird Government is committed to getting on and delivering the vital NDIS reform.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a generational reform which will provide choice and control to people with disability in NSW, and across Australia.

Under the NSW Liberals & Nationals, NSW was the first State to sign up to the NDIS. The Baird Government is committed to getting on and delivering this vital reform. In NSW, the NDIS started with a trial site in the Hunter region from July 2013. The original plan was for the full scheme roll-out to occur across the rest of the State from 2016-18.

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NSW is committed to transitioning into the national scheme in a way that ensures that all eligible NSW citizens are able to access the scheme for the supports they need within a reasonable timeframe.

From the Hunter NDIS trial, we know that access to personalised plans and individualised funding is already making a real difference to the lives of participants, their families and carers.

A Penrith/Blue Mountains roll-out from 2015 will mean more eligible people will be able to access the NDIS sooner. This region has been selected as the first area for full scheme roll-out as it contains a broad representation of cultural and socio-economic groups. Greater Western Sydney is an area of high need, particularly for early intervention services for children with disability.

A re-elected Baird Government will:

- ✓ Bring forward the full scheme NDIS for eligible people in the Penrith/Blue Mountains area of Western Sydney from July 2015 - a year ahead of schedule. We will start this roll-out by transitioning children and young people (under 18 years of age) to the NDIS
- ✓ Assist the Commonwealth to set up a National Disability Insurance Agency presence in the Penrith area from 1 July 2015 to facilitate the NDIS roll-out in Greater Western Sydney
- ✓ Continue to work with the Commonwealth on a roll-out

The early roll-out will involve children under the age of 18 being provided with information, linkages and capacity building supports (ILC support) from July 2015, as well as being able to access support from a new National Disability Insurance Agency presence. Children and their families will begin accessing individual packages of reasonable and necessary supports from September 2015, with 2,000 children accessing the NDIS by 30 June 2016. Children and their families who do not currently receive supports through NSW Government funded programs will be included in this roll-out. All other people with disability residing in the Penrith/Blue Mountains areas will start to access the scheme from 1 July 2016 - as the Commonwealth and NSW begin the rest of the roll-out across the State.

Back The Baird Plan and keep NSW working.

2015 Election Policy Costing

Proposal Title: Early transition of young people into the NDIS: Penrith - Blue Mountains

Lead Agency: Department of Family and Community Services

General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. Depreciation)	0	17,399	0	0	17,399
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Offsets	0	10,147	7,252	0	17,399
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Net Operating Result:	0	-7,252	7,252	0	0
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Offsets*	0	0	0	0	0
Less Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Net Capital Expenditure:	0	0	0	0	0
Net Lending/Borrowing:	0	-7,252	7,252	0	0
Net Financial Liabilities:	0	7,252	0	0	0

Notes and costing assumptions used:

The proposal "Early Transition to the NDIS for Young People in the Penrith/Blue Mountains Area" will commence transition to the NDIS in 2015-16 for approximately 2,000 children (less than 18 years of age) living in the Penrith/Blue Mountains area of Western Sydney.

The total cost for NSW is \$17.4m, including: \$8.65m for NSW's contribution to the NDIS, \$7.9m for State clients that are not transitioning in 2015-16; and \$0.8m for additional project officers. Existing available funding in the site is \$10.1m. The \$7.3m shortfall will be met by a bring forward from 2016-17.