

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Free glasses for school kids
Date of request:	7 January 2019

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Provide free eyesight testing and, if required, glasses for approximately 50,000 students in kindergarten to year three at the most disadvantaged public primary schools in NSW.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

	2018/19 \$'000	2019/20 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000	2021/22 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on GGS expenses					
Impact on GGS revenue					
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ¹					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ²					
Impact on GGS net lending/borrowing					

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

¹ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

² Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>The policy is to be consistent with Victorian Government policy except where stated otherwise.</p> <p>The initial screening would be conducted at the school by a registered optometrist or a supervised final year optometry student.</p> <p>Students in need of follow-up eye testing will be referred to an optometrist for a free bulk-billed test. Free glasses, funded by the NSW Government, would then be provided to the student.</p> <p>The policy would be available to all students in kindergarten to year three at eligible schools. Schools would be selected for eligibility based on ICSEA disadvantage, until 50,000 students were made eligible. The total number of eligible students would usually finish just over 50,000, as all kindergarten to year three students in the school hitting the 50,000 cut-out threshold would be eligible.</p> <p>For both options, please advise on the expected total number of students who would receive testing and the expected number of students who would receive free glasses each year.</p>
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	Utilise eye testing that is already provided in schools where possible.
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ³	No.

³ Particularly important for large projects with long lead times, policies with a delayed timetable for implementation, or policies where up-front investment is required to achieve long term savings.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2019
Intended duration of policy ⁴ :	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Education.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁵ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Uncapped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	See <u>Assumptions</u> .

⁴ Where a policy is intended to be ongoing, please indicate "ongoing" in the space to the right

⁵ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.