

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Addressing domestic, family, and sexual violence package – specialist courts
Date of request:	20 February 2019

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Establish three specialist sexual assault and domestic violence courts – one at a metropolitan site in Sydney, one in the Illawarra and one in Newcastle.
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	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?</p>	
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i></p>	<p>The specialist courts will hear all sexual assault and domestic violence cases (including Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders) currently heard in district and local courts at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appropriate metropolitan site in Sydney • Wollongong Local and District Court • Newcastle Local and District Court. <p>Each court will aim to reduce the trauma experienced by the victim by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employing staff who are specially trained and who can offer greater sensitivity to the needs of the victim; • Ensuring the victim and defendant do not come in contact with each other by arranging them to enter separately and seating them in different areas of the court while waiting, and by ensuring victims can provide evidence remotely ; • Allowing vulnerable victims to give evidence remotely. <p>Existing court facilities and staff would be used. The policy would allocate a fixed amount of \$8.950 million to support additional capital costs. This would be split in equal nominal amounts over the forward estimate years. Any further capital costs would be required to be absorbed within the Department of Justice resourcing.</p> <p>Existing judges and magistrates will preside over the cases. They will receive special training. They will take on the roles on three year terms.</p> <p>Upon forming government, a unit would be established within NSW Justice for policy development and project implementation. This would be met from within existing resources.</p>

	<p>An expert committee will advise on the best model for the specialist court which will include the specialist court hearing all apprehended domestic violence orders (ADVO) applications and breaches. This will allow for a streamlined, expedited process and expert knowledge to be applied to these cases. This will also be met from within existing resources.</p> <p>The Sydney metropolitan court would commence operations on 1 January 2020, the Illawarra court would commence operations on 1 July 2021 and the Newcastle court would commence operations on 1 July 2022.</p> <p>See the costing completed by the PBO at the 2015 NSW Election A245 “Specialist sexual assault and domestic violence courts”, published on 23 March 2015.</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.	..
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ³	Please include the 2022-23 cost.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government.
Intended duration of policy ⁴ :	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Justice.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Changes to legislation would be required.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	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.

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

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

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