

## Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Establish a Walama Court
Date of request:	14 March 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 a specialist court for Indigenous offenders in the District Court jurisdiction.
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 <sup>1</sup>					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>2</sup>					
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?

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	

<sup>1</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>2</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? (See checklist)</p>	<p>Establish a specialist court for Indigenous offenders in the District Court jurisdiction.</p> <p>The transfer of jurisdiction is effectively a machinery of government change and would be met within existing resources.</p> <p>Additional fixed funding of \$1.5 million annually from 2020-21 would be allocated to provide greater therapeutic services relative to the standard District Court. This would have similarities to the Drug Court. The funding would be adjusted against movements in the consumer price index.</p> <p>The Court would be influenced by evidence of benefits of providing Indigenous communities with a level of ownership and community engagement with the justice system.</p> <p>The Court would be accommodated in existing Sydney metropolitan court facilities. Assume no additional capital expenditure. Cases referred to the Court would be scalable to available funding – by randomised allocation if necessary.</p>
<p>Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>..</p>
<p>Are there significant costs or savings <b>outside</b> the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy?<sup>3</sup></p>	<p>..</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Administration of policy</b></p>	
<p>Intended date of implementation:</p>	<p>1 July 2020</p>
<p>Intended duration of policy<sup>4</sup>:</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?</p>	<p>Department of Justice, District Court.</p>

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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?	..

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>5</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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