Election Costing Request Form

Details of request		
Party:	Liberals and Nationals Government	
Name of Policy:	Planning funding to complete the Metro in Western Sydney	
Date of request:	15 February 2023	

Description of policy		
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Commitment of \$260m to complete businesses cases for the remaining four Metro links in Western Sydney:	
Has the policy been publicly released yet?		

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ²						
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ³	-	43,300	86,700	86,700	43,300	260,000
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁴						

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party? Yes – cost estimates have been provided by Transport for NSW

 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

³ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁴ Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

Key assumptions made in the policy		
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	The announcement builds upon existing government Metro projects.	
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? (See checklist)	 Costs for the business case can be capitalised, consistent with previous businesses cases developed for major government infrastructure projects. Cost estimates per business case are: WSA: St Marys to Tallawong \$40m WSA: Westmead to Aerotropolis \$70m Bankstown to Glenfield, via Liverpool \$110m WSA: Aerotropolis to Macarthur \$40m Businesses cases will take approximately 18 months to finish, with two being able to be undertaken concurrently. Work can commence when the current Aerotropolis to Glenfield business case is completed, utilising the existing team. This is expected to be at the end of 2023. Funding is evenly apportioned over 6-month intervals. Funding will continue into 2026-27 when the final business case will be completed. Any other costs associated with procuring or staffing the businesses cases will be absorbed from within the existing Transport for NSW budget. 	
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	N/A	
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	It is anticipated the Commonwealth Government will fund 50% of the business cases, consistent with other Metro lines. However this costing assumes that the NSW Government will fund 100% of costs as there is no current agreement on cost sharing. Once agreement is reached, there will be a positive budget result impact from the Commonwealth Government's contribution coming in as revenue.	

Are there significant costs or savings **outside** the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy?⁵

Funding is for the business case only. Following completion of business cases, a final investment decision will be required by government.

Administration of policy		
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2023	
Intended duration of policy:	Approximately three years to complete	
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Transport for NSW	
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	N/A	
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	N/A	

If the policy is mainly an expenditure ⁶ commitment		
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Funding will be capped.	
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/A	

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment		
Transaction based or capped:	N/A	
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	N/A	
Collection method:	N/A	
Additional expenditure associated with collection: N/A		
If the policy is mainly a capital costs ⁷ commitment		
Nature of Capital Spending		
Type of work, size and capacity:	N/A	
Proposed start and completion date of work:	N/A	
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	N/A	
Associated asset sell off (if any):	N/A	

⁵ 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.

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

⁷ Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance.

Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	N/A
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	N/A
Third party funding involvement:	N/A
Delivery model ⁸	N/A

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⁸ There is a range of possible delivery models, e.g. built, owned and operated by a NSW government agency; built and transferred to a private operator; privately built for public operation; privately built and operated with government assuming risk or providing a guarantee in relation to future income (often applicable to public/private partnership arrangements), and so on. The policy should provide assumptions about the proposed delivery model.