

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Liberals and Nationals Government
Name of Policy:	Women's Health Package
Date of request:	1 March 2023

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	<p>The policy commits almost \$50 million to support women's health through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing two endometriosis and pelvic pain hubs;• A \$2 million Miscarriage Support Fund;• Four new BreastScreen NSW mobile vans;• Grants to support research and fellowships into Ovarian and Gynaecological cancers; and• \$4m to assist women with the cost of egg freezing.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	No

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ²	-	12,270	11,230	12,850	13,220	49,560
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ³						
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁴						

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party? Yes – Ministry of Health
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?	Not applicable
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	See Attachment A
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	See Attachment A
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	See Attachment A
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ⁵	See Attachment A

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	See Attachment A

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.

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.

Intended duration of policy:	See Attachment A
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	See Attachment A
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	See Attachment A
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	See Attachment A

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

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	Not applicable
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	Not applicable
Collection method:	Not applicable
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	Not applicable

If the policy is mainly a capital costs⁷ commitment	
Nature of Capital Spending	
Type of work, size and capacity:	Not applicable
Proposed start and completion date of work:	Not applicable
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	Not applicable
Associated asset sell off (if any):	Not applicable
Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	Not applicable
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	Not applicable
Third party funding involvement:	Not applicable
Delivery model ⁸	Not applicable

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.

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.

Attachment A – Women’s Health Package

1) Two endometriosis and pelvic pain hubs, and support services across NSW

The hubs will be located at two sites – one in metropolitan Sydney and one in regional NSW. They will be operated by NSW Health and will be located at existing NSW health facilities. The total investment is \$16.3 million over four years for these hubs.

2) Miscarriage Support Fund

A \$2 million Miscarriage Support Fund will be established in 2023-24, to provide miscarriage, pregnancy loss and stillbirth support. This fund will be administered by NSW Health with administration costs to be met from within the existing Health budget.

3) Four new BreastScreen NSW vans

Four new BreastScreen NSW vans will be delivered and in operation by 1 July 2023 to increase screening rates. The vans will be delivered by NSW Health in partnership with a service provider, who will own and provide the vans. The cost of service delivery is capped at \$20 million over four years, based on an indicative cost of around \$1 million per van per year, from 2023-24.

4) Grants for fellowships into researching cancer

A grant program will be established to support fellowships and research into ovarian and gynaecological cancer. The program will be administered by NSW Health and will be capped at \$1.8 million per annum for four years. Administration costs will be met from within the existing Health budget.

5) Rebates for egg freezing

The NSW Government will offer \$2,000 rebates to assist women with the cost of egg freezing. These rebates will be offered for the first 2,000 applicants from 1 July 2023 and only for treatments on advice and undertaken from an approved, accredited ART provider. The policy assumes that 500 applicants will be rebated each year over four years. This is based on figures from the 2020 Australia and New Zealand Assisted Reproduction Database.

Total cost of Women’s Health Package	2023/24 \$’000	2024/25 \$’000	2025/26 \$’000	2026/27 \$’000	Total \$’000
Endometriosis and pelvic pain hubs and services	3,250	3,340	4,800	4,920	16,300
Miscarriage Support Fund	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Four new BreastScreen NSW vans	4,210	5,080	5,240	5,490	20,020
Grants for fellowships into researching cancer	1,810	1,810	1,810	1,810	7,240
Rebates for egg freezing	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Total	12,270	11,230	12,850	13,220	49,560