

## Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Labor's multicultural communities' package
Date of request:	17 March 2023

Description of policy	
<p>Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):</p>	<p>Labor will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide \$13.9 million for community languages schools (see assumptions below for policy breakdown);</li> <li>• Create a capped \$30 million multicultural capital partnership fund, to build, develop and ultimately make their organisational premises available to the wider public and promote events to their respective communities;</li> <li>• Support a Parramatta Council and Federal Government proposal to brand three streets in Harris Park as Sydney's 'Little India' (being Wigram St, Marion St and Station St) and consult with the Federal Government to implement a street beautification program, including an 'India gate' and promotional signage to strengthen the business district of Harris Park;</li> <li>• Form a Premier's Prevention Panel on Racism and Extremism, including senior representative of NSW government agencies and multicultural and multifaith communities (relevant Federal Government agencies will also be invited to participate); and</li> <li>• create a Multicultural Youth Network similar to exists in Victoria (<a href="https://www.multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-youth-network">https://www.multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-youth-network</a>) to advise government departments on matters affecting multicultural young people including multicultural affairs, mental health, employment, racism and discrimination.</li> </ul>
<p>Has the policy been publicly released yet?</p>	<p>No.</p>

Your estimated costing of the policy <sup>1</sup>						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 and later years <sup>2</sup> \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result <sup>3</sup>		3,475	3,475	3,475	3,475	13,900
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>		5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	30,000
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities <sup>5</sup>						

**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?	No.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? (See checklist)	<p><u>Community languages schools</u></p> <p><i>Improve security of tenure:</i> Offer three-year Community Use Agreements as standard for the use of a host government school. Where a school principal decides to end a Community Use Agreement, they must provide at least six months' notice. The Department of Education will help find an alternative host school if needed.</p> <p><i>Professional pathway for community language school teachers:</i> NSW Labor will work with Initial Teacher Education Providers to develop a professional pathway for community language teachers to</p>

<sup>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

<sup>2</sup> Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy or will assist in public understanding of the policy.

<sup>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<sup>5</sup> Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

become qualified to teach in NSW public schools

*Increase the per capita grant to \$200 per student:* to cover the increased cost of running the schools plus expected salary increases for teachers and matches Labor's 2019 commitment.

NSW Labor will explore changing the payment cycle so the grant can be paid in the middle of the year, rather than at the end of the year.

By raising the per capita grant per student, schools will be able to deliver a better quality of tuition by having smaller class sizes and better qualified teachers.

*\$100 Community Languages Fee Rebate:* NSW Labor will give a rebate of \$100 on community language school fees if a student passes their exam and has an 85 per cent attendance record.

*Online Lessons for Regional and Rural Children:* NSW Labor will seek to expand the use of digital and online classrooms to give regional and rural students the opportunity to participate in language classes if none operate near them.

NSW Labor will develop a policy and guidelines to facilitate these online classes.

Multicultural capital partnership fund

Organisations must sign an MOU with the SW Government to partner with it to deliver public outreach programs, e.g. NSW Health, NSW Police, NSW Sport.

Otherwise please see the capital expenditure profile above.

Sydney's 'Little India'

The work of consulting and assisting Paramatta Council and Federal Government on ways to promote and market the area should be done with existing resources.

	<p><u>Premier's Prevention Panel on Racism and Extremism</u></p> <p>The Panel will provide the 'software' to go alongside the upgrade in 'hardware' and is part of a comprehensive suite of policies NSW Labor has developed to support multicultural and multifaith communities.</p> <p>To ensure a whole-of-government approach to combating racism and extremism - the Panel will be convened by the Premier with the Premier's Department, providing secretariat support.</p> <p><u>Multicultural Youth Network</u></p> <p>Funding for this initiative should come from existing resources.</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.	Please see individual assumptions above.

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2023
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Various departments; Premier and Cabinet
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Please outline any agreements with different levels of government or existing agreements for funding.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	

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

<b>If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment</b>	
Transaction based or capped:	
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	
Collection method:	
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	

<b>If the policy is mainly a capital costs<sup>7</sup> commitment</b>	
<b>Nature of Capital Spending</b>	
Type of work, size and capacity:	
Proposed start and completion date of work:	
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	
Associated asset sell off (if any):	
<b>Recurrent Impacts</b>	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	
Third party funding involvement:	
Delivery model <sup>8</sup>	

**Checklist for key assumptions** (please be comprehensive and include all relevant assumptions).

Assumptions could include, but are not limited to, questions such as:

- What is the expected community impact?
- How many people will be affected by the policy?
- What is the likely take up or other behavioural response you expect?
- Is there a cap on total spending proposed, a funding formula, resource agreement or other mechanism of this nature associated with the policy?
- Will third parties have a role in funding or delivering the policy (e.g. Commonwealth Government)?
- Will funding/program cost require indexation?
  - If yes, do you have any assumptions about the index that should be applied?
- What assumptions have you made about costs of administering the policy?

<sup>7</sup> Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance. The capital cost of the asset to be acquired will however be included in the net financial liabilities statement.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

- Will additional staff be needed in the agency responsible for the policy?
  - How many and at what approximate levels?
- Are there other resources required?
- Are you assuming administrative costs will be absorbed within the agency?

**Please note that:**

- The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.
- The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requester. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requester in advance of the costing being completed.
- Where the details of the policy costing request differ from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of the information provided in the costing request.
- These guidelines are intended to facilitate requests for costing election policies. Persons preparing such requests who wish further assistance are invited to contact the staff of the Parliamentary Budget Office.