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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Crackdown on puppy farms
Date of request:	9 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Ban large scale puppy farms outright, while also creating a regulatory framework that will ensure the continued welfare of breeding dogs through birth, pregnancy and their ultimate death.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Protect animal welfare.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years ² \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ³	-	-666	-667	-667	-2,000	-
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy.

³ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

⁴ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁵ 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?	No.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>A NSW Labor Government will launch a crackdown on the cruel and exploitative treatment of dogs within the commercial dog breeding industry.</p> <p>Labor will ban large scale puppy farms outright, while also creating a regulatory framework that will ensure the continued welfare of breeding dogs through birth, pregnancy, and their ultimate death.</p> <p>A NSW Labor Government will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ban large scale puppy farms in NSW, limiting breeding operations to 10 breeding dogs. 2. Provide \$2 million in additional funding to boost The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) capacity to investigate wrongdoers – including funding specialist puppy farm inspectors. 3. Limit the amount of litters in a breeding dog’s lifetime to five. 4. Phase out the sale of puppies from pet shops - ethical breeders do not sell puppies in Pet Shops. Pet shops can reposition to be Adoption Centres and help drive re-homing of unwanted dogs. 5. Ensure humane practices for the euthanasia of animals.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	With the exception of the funding to the RSPCA for investigations, any potential costs associated with administering the regulations are to be absorbed within the existing resourcing of the agency.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	NSW Department of Primary Industries.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	The funding will be provided as grants to the RSPCA.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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