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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	A fairer Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS)
Date of request:	14 January 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Increase the commercial accommodation rate to \$60 for singles and \$83 for doubles, and increase the fuel subsidy to 30 cents/kilometre, under IPTAAS (see Attachment 1).
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Increase support under IPTAAS.
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	Other years ² \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ³						
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>	A similar change occurred in 2012, costing \$7 million per annum.
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.	..

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 January 2016.
Intended duration of policy:	Over the forward estimates.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	NSW Health.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	Consistent with existing arrangements.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Demand driven
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	Same eligibility criteria as currently exists.

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

Attachment 1

Labor will increase funding to IPTAAS and raise the reimbursement rate to more realistically reflect the costs of staying in metropolitan areas.

Payment will also be available in advance for concession card holders and others experiencing financial hardship. Payment will be able to be made directly to travel companies, or in the form of petrol cards based on estimated travel distances.

Labor will also identify and negotiate with appropriate local hotels to achieve a discount rate for rural patients. All nominated hotels will be completely wheelchair accessible.