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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Fund the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Clinic at Westmead
Date of request:	10 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Fund the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Clinic at Westmead \$1.2 million over four years (see Attachment 1).
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Maintain the existing activities of the clinic. The clinic is currently funded by the state government, but this is due to expire on 30 June 2014.
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	-	300	307	315	923	323
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?	Yes – announcement of Walt Secord, Linda Burney and Sophie Cotsis on 5 March 2015.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	Based on stakeholder advice, annual funding of \$300,000 will be sufficient to maintain the clinic's existing activities. The funding should be indexed.
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 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	To 30 June 2019.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Ministry for Health.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	No.
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.

Attachment 1 – Fund the FASD clinic at Westmead

The dedicated FASD diagnostic clinic at Westmead is a pilot clinic funded by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE), however the funding is due to end on 30 June 2015. The clinic is run by Professor Elizabeth Elliot AM and is a screening and diagnostic service for children suffering from FASD. It is a collaboration between health professionals, researchers and community organisations.

A Labor Government will fund the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) clinic at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, at a cost of \$1.2 million from 2015-16 to 2018-19.

This will employ a part-time paediatrician to co-ordinate access to allied health services needed by the child. The funding will also provide opportunities for the clinic to increase the capacity for health professionals to diagnose FASD.