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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Crackdown on wildlife crime
Date of request:	12 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	See Attachment 1 .
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Introduce a coordinated approach to fighting wildlife crime.
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
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>NSW Labor will act to address the trafficking, smuggling and illegal sale of Australian wildlife.</p> <p>The Animal Welfare Protection Squad will bring together existing staff in the Office of Environment and Heritage, NSW Fisheries and the NSW Police Force. Membership of the squad will involve certain new commitments but the staff will remain employed within their existing agency. This should be delivered through a reprioritisation of existing agency activity.</p> <p>The Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime should be delivered within existing agency resources.</p> <p>Funding of \$1.0 million will be allocated to support the delivery of a state-wide database on reportable wildlife crime. Additional amounts may be reallocated from relevant agency budgets if necessary. The quality of the database will be scalable to funding available.</p>
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:	Over the forward estimates.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Office of Environment and Heritage.
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 – Fight wildlife crime

NSW Labor will:

- Create an Animal Welfare Protection Squad of dedicated wildlife crime investigators. The squad will bring together staff from across government agencies - the Office of Environment & Heritage, NSW Fisheries and the NSW Police Force - and also the RSPCA, to combat wildlife crime;
- Make wildlife crime a reportable crime in New South Wales;
- Deliver tougher penalties by creating a new indictable offence of Wildlife Crime;
- Establish a state wide database that will record all incidents of wildlife crime;
- Launch a Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime (PAW) to raise community awareness of wildlife crime. The Partnership will bring together representatives of government agencies (the Office of Environment & Heritage, NSW Fisheries, Taronga Zoo and the NSW Police Force), non-government organisations (the RSPCA, and wildlife care and rehabilitation providers) and community members including land owners and law abiding hunters, to work together to tackle wildlife crime.