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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Funding our public libraries
Date of request:	14 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Double per capita funding for libraries and establish a \$2 million Hardship Fund to support libraries with small population bases, phased in over four years.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Support NSW public libraries.
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						
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>The library funding rate provided to local councils per head of population will increase from \$1.85 to \$3.70, phased in with increments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-16: \$2.31 • 2016-17: \$2.78 • 2017-18: \$3.24 • 2018-19: \$3.70 <p>The funding rate will be linked to changes in the Consumer Price Index thereafter.</p> <p>The Hardship Fund will be allocated a capped amount of \$500,000 annually from 2015-16 to 2018-19 to support libraries with low population bases, in recognition of the relatively high fixed costs of these libraries.</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.	Administrative costs associated with this program should be absorbed within existing agency resources.

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.)?	State Library of NSW.
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:	Linked to changes in population.
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.

