

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Coalition
Name of Policy:	Free car parking at Regional Hospitals
Date of request:	30 January 2023

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Provide free car parking at regional hospitals to reduce costs for patients, their carers and families.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	No

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ²	1,167	7,000	7,000	7,000	42,000	64,167
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ³						
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁴						

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party?
If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

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

² Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

³ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁴ 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?	<p>The policy will apply to regional hospitals only and result in foregone revenue.</p> <p>The regional hospitals that currently have paid parking and have been included in the costing are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lismore • Coffs Harbour • Maitland (up to four hours free) • Gosford • Shoalhaven <p>All other regional hospitals do not charge for parking and therefore have no costing impact from this policy.</p> <p>This policy also captures the Tweed Hospital which is currently being built – meaning the Tweed Hospital will not have paid parking.</p> <p>Estimated parking revenue from these hospitals is \$7m per annum.</p> <p>Foregone revenue of \$1.2m has been estimated for 2022-23, on the assumption that this policy starts 1 May. This is based off an even collection of revenue per month.</p>
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	N/A
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	N/A
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ⁵	N/A

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 May 2022
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Ministry of Health
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account	N/A

⁵ Particularly important for large projects with long lead times, policies with a delayed timetable for implementation, or policies where up-front investment is required to achieve long term savings.

(e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	N/A

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	N/A
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	Applies to certain NSW regional hospitals that currently charge for parking as outlined in the key assumptions section.

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	N/A
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	
Collection method:	
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	
If the policy is mainly a capital costs⁷ commitment	
Nature of Capital Spending	
Type of work, size and capacity:	N/A
Proposed start and completion date of work:	
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	
Associated asset sell off (if any):	
Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	
Third party funding involvement:	
Delivery model ⁸	

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

⁷ Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance.

⁸ There is a range of possible delivery models, e.g. built, owned and operated by a NSW government agency; built and transferred to a private operator; privately built for public operation; privately built and operated with government assuming risk or providing a guarantee in relation to future income (often applicable to public/private partnership arrangements), and so on. The policy should provide assumptions about the proposed delivery model.

