

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Liberals and Nationals Government
Name of Policy:	Ambassador Schools Expansion
Date of request:	22 February 2023

Description of policy	
<p>Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):</p>	<p>This policy commits to expanding the Ambassador School program. The highly successful program highlights school success in NSW, and will be expanded by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying an additional 20 Specialist Ambassador Schools – this will include some existing selective and specialist schools, as well as schools with strengths in priority areas. • Identifying 20 Teaching Ambassador Schools - these schools will partner with universities as we deliver our one year postgraduate qualification, to ensure graduates can access in-classroom experience in our best schools <p>With the existing 10, this means NSW will have 50 Ambassador Schools by 2024.</p> <p>In recognition of their excellence and innovation, all 50 Ambassador Schools will be granted specialised staffing arrangements, with changes made to enable them to make their own hiring decisions for a period of three years.</p>
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 and later 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						

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party? Advice from the Department of Education has been used to inform this costing.

If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	The implementation of this policy will have no budget impact. The only cost associated with expanding the number of Ambassador Schools is the support for Teaching Ambassador Schools which is expected to be \$5m. This will be absorbed internally by the Department of Education.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	Not applicable

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 or will assist in public understanding of 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.

Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	Not applicable
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ⁶	Not applicable

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	The additional Ambassador schools will be announced by the end of 2023. The first Excellent Schools Forum will be held in early 2024.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	The Department of Education
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Not applicable
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	Not applicable

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁷ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Not applicable
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	Not applicable

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	Not applicable
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	Not applicable
Collection method:	Not applicable
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	Not applicable
If the policy is mainly a capital costs⁸ commitment	
Nature of Capital Spending	
Type of work, size and capacity:	Not applicable

⁶ 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.

⁷ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.

⁸ Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance.

Proposed start and completion date of work:	Not applicable
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	Not applicable
Associated asset sell off (if any):	Not applicable
Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	Not applicable
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	Not applicable
Third party funding involvement:	Not applicable
Delivery model ⁹	Not applicable

⁹ 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.