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Dear Mr Gartrell,

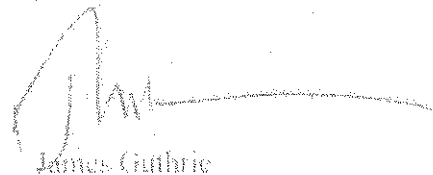
As outlined in our signed Terms and Conditions for an Independent Review of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party (FPLP) Costing of its Election Policy Promises, we have now completed our review and report as follows:

"The Independent Costing Review Panel is of the opinion that the final policy costings provided by the FPLP in the attached table are based on reasonable assumptions and calculations and as such present a fair estimate of the net financial impact of those policies on the federal budget's underlying cash balance over the period 2007-08 to 2010-11."

Regards


Greg Smith


John S Brown


James Guthrie

| | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Labor's Priorities for Australia's Future | | | | | |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | | | | | |
| Tasmanian Forestry Policy | 0.3 ✓ | 5.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 20.0 |
| Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program | - | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 45.0 |
| Climate Change and Productivity Research Program | - | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 15.0 |
| Climate Change Adjustment Program | - | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 45.0 |
| National Weeds Research and Productivity Program | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 15.0 |
| Regional Food Productivity and Innovation Program | 1.2 ✓ | 6.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 22.2 |
| Promoting Australian Produce Program | - | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| Quarantine Research and Preparedness Plan | 2.0 ✓ | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 5.4 |
| Recreational Fishing Industry Development Strategy | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| Fisheries Research Program | - | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 4.4 |
| Torres Strait Commercial Line Fishery Reallocation | 7.5 | - | - | - | 7.5 |
| Offset: Advancing Australia - Farmbiz | - | -8.0 | -8.0 | -8.1 | -24.1 |
| Offset: Advancing Australia - Farmhelp | -4.0 | -20.8 | -19.5 | -17.9 | -62.2 |
| Offset: Advancing Australia - Advancing Agricultural Industries | - | -8.6 | -8.8 | -8.8 | -26.2 |
| Offset: Food Innovation Grants | -2.2 | -12.4 | -12.6 | -12.9 | -40.1 |
| Offset: Onshore Assistance of Fisheries Adjustment Package | -7.5 | - | - | - | -7.5 |
| Offset: New Industries Development Programs | - | -2.4 | -2.7 | -1.3 | -6.3 |
| Portfolio Total: | 0.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 20.0 |
| ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S | | | | | |
| Additional 500 Australian Federal Police Officers | 9.9 | 22.4 | 31.6 | 49.2 | 113.1 |
| Freedom of Information Commissioner | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| Securing Our Ports - Port Security - X-ray Machines | - | 3.5 | 4.1 | 8.4 | 16.0 |
| Schools Security Fund | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 |
| Safer Suburbs | 15.0 | - | - | - | 15.0 |
| Portfolio Total: | 29.9 | 31.9 | 41.7 | 63.6 | 167.1 |
| COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS | | | | | |
| National Broadband Network | - | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Territory AFL and Netball Australia Contribution | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| Creative Communities | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 10.0 |
| Australian Music Radio Airplay Project | - | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| National Arts and Crafts Industry Support | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 7.6 |
| Football Federation Australia Contribution | 8.0 | 8.0 | - | - | 16.0 |
| National Reclink | - | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Prime Minister's Literary Award | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Newcastle Stadium | 7.0 | 3.0 | - | - | 10.0 |
| Leichardt Stadium | 3.0 | - | - | - | 3.0 |
| Campbelltown Stadium and Upper Ross Community Hub | 6.0 | 2.0 | - | - | 8.0 |
| Mackay Stadium | 9.5 | 3.5 | - | - | 13.0 |
| VB Supercars - Townsville | 5.0 | 5.0 | - | - | 10.0 |
| Offset: Cultural Development Program | -3.0 | -5.0 | -5.0 | -5.0 | -18.0 |
| Portfolio Total: | 39.2 | 23.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 65.9 |
| DEFENCE | | | | | |
| Defence Families Health and Dental Package | - | 11.0 | 11.8 | 14.4 | 37.2 |
| SAS Resources Trust Contribution | 10.0 | - | - | - | 10.0 |
| Asia Pacific Centre for Civil Military Cooperation | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 5.1 |
| Portfolio Total: | 10.4 | 12.6 | 13.4 | 16.0 | 52.4 |
| EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING | | | | | |
| Labor's Education Revolution (also see Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Treasury) | | | | | |
| Skilling Australia for Our Future | 75.9 | 187.2 | 351.2 | 557.6 | 1171.9 |
| Skills Australia | 2.6 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 14.6 |
| Mentors for Our Future | - | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 3.8 |
| Offset: Work Skills Vouchers | -51.5 | -190.4 | -190.4 | -190.6 | -622.9 |
| Offset: Business Skills Vouchers for Apprentices | - | -2.7 | -3.2 | -4.0 | -9.9 |
| Offset: Institute for Trade Skills | - | -6.4 | -4.7 | -4.8 | -15.9 |
| Trades in Schools | - | 233.1 | 242.9 | 253.1 | 729.1 |
| National Secondary School Computer Fund | 100.0 | 400.0 | 300.0 | 200.0 | 1000.0 |
| School Grants for On the Job Training | - | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 84.3 |
| No TAFE Fees for Child Care Diplomas | - | 8.9 | 16.3 | 17.4 | 42.6 |
| Universal Access to Pre-School | 20.0 | 40.0 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 240.0 |
| Australian Early Development Index | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 16.9 |
| Offset: Australian Early Development Index - Funding for Stage 2 | -0.7 | -1.1 | -1.2 | - | -3.0 |
| HECS Reduction for Maths and Science | - | 41.7 | 118.8 | 184.5 | 345.0 |
| Additional University Places for Early Childhood Education | - | 2.1 | 8.1 | 17.2 | 27.4 |
| Scholarships for a Competitive Future | - | 16.2 | 60.4 | 125.1 | 201.7 |
| Keeping Our Best and Brightest in Australia - Labor's Future Fellowships | - | 19.0 | 57.7 | 98.1 | 174.8 |
| Notre Dame University - Additional Places and Capital Funding | - | 4.7 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 10.1 |
| Phasing Out of Full Fee Paying Places - Creating Additional Commonwealth Supported Places | - | 17.3 | 49.2 | 76.3 | 142.8 |
| National Curriculum Board | - | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 15.0 |
| Local Schools Working Together | 20.0 | 30.0 | 12.5 | - | 62.5 |

FEAR NEEDS