NON-COMPLETION OF COSTINGS OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS

On the dates listed below, the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) announced that requests had been received from the Leader of the Opposition to cost the following election commitments, under the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*:

- *Saving for Labor’s Better Priorities: Abolish the Community Business Partnership (20 September 2004)*
- *Saving for Labor’s Better Priorities: Reduced Funding for the National Capital Authority (20 September 2004)*
- *Saving for Labor’s Better Priorities: Merger of the Bureau of Rural Sciences and ABARE (20 September 2004)*

The *Charter of Budget Honesty: Costing Election Commitments* guidelines provide that in certain circumstances, a costing may not be completed. In the case of the above election commitments, further information was requested by Finance from the Leader of the Opposition in order to cost these election commitments.

As this information has not yet been received, it will not be possible to complete these costings prior to polling day.

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