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NSW BUDGET OFFICE OPEN FOR ELECTION COSTINGS

NSW Treasurer Andrew Constance is urging the Labor Opposition to start developing plans to take to voters ahead of the March 2015 election – so John Robertson's policies can be costed by the NSW Parliamentary Budget Office.

"The Budget Office is open for business from today, the only problem is the rate NSW Labor are going, they'll have no policies to cost," Mr Constance said.

The Parliamentary Budget Office evaluates the price tags of election promises as well as providing budget impact statements. It's lead by a team of professionals in the lead up to a general election, and begins operating today.

"I'm concerned that given we're only hearing crickets from the Opposition regarding actual plans for NSW, it may be some time before they have anything to cost," Mr Constance said.

"So far we've heard some vague references to a review into education, a promise to establish a Jobs Commissioner and a commitment for 'Robbo and Co' to dig the North West Rail Link faster."

"The people of NSW can see through hollow statements. Mr Robertson can run, but he can't hide. The clock is ticking for Labor to come up with some credible commitments and today is a great time to start."

The NSW Liberals & Nationals are in the process of rebuilding NSW – geotechnical work on the 33 kilometre WestConnex motorway is underway, the tunnel boring machines are digging the North West Rail Link right now, and the South West Rail Link will carry passengers early next year.

"We're doing the hard yards building infrastructure and at the same time we're balancing the State's books", Mr Constance said.

"It's time John Robertson and his newly reshuffled Shadow Cabinet roll out of bed and get to work - 3 and a half years hitting the snooze button doesn't cut it."

"There is absolutely no excuse to lob up in March next year with zero ideas and zero policies."

The NSW Parliamentary Budget Office is open from now until 26 June 2015.

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