



SCORECARD

2014 Victorian State Election

Issue	Coalition	ALP	Greens
Will you commit to increasing foster care reimbursements to meet the day-to-day costs of caring for children over the next term of government?	No.	Policy not yet released.	Yes. Will invest \$8.5 million to increase foster care reimbursements by \$5,356 per child, per year in 2015-16, and continuing these payments year on year at indexed rates.
Will you commit to ensuring that all educational, medical, allied health and recreational expenses for children in foster care are met by the state?	No commitment indicated. Expenses to be met on a case-by-case basis for items that fall outside the scope of the carer reimbursement – for example, extraordinary health or medical expenses.	Policy not yet released.	Yes. Will provide for additional, essential living costs.
Will you commit to working with the FCAV and the broader foster care sector to implement a state-wide recruitment and retention strategy by the end of 2015?	Yes. Department of Human Services has commenced the development of a Foster Care Recruitment and Retention Strategy.	Partial support. No commitment regarding recruitment and retention strategy has been made, although the previous Labor Government funded the Foster Care Communication and Recruitment Strategy.	Yes.
Will you commit to working with the FCAV to develop and implement a comprehensive learning and development strategy for foster carers in the next term of government?	Partial support. Has agreed to fund FCAV for a further six days of training per year.	Policy not yet released.	Yes.
Will you advocate to the Commonwealth for the removal of income testing for foster carers?	Yes.	Policy not yet released.	Yes.

*Labor have stated that their policies will be released in full prior to the election



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