



# Parliamentary Budget Office - Election Policy Costing

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Proposal Title: **NEW APPROACH TO ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Cluster: Premier and Cabinet

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)		3,975	4,999	5,526	14,500
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	-	<b>(3,975)</b>	<b>(4,999)</b>	<b>(5,526)</b>	<b>(14,500)</b>

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing)</b>	-	<b>(3,975)</b>	<b>(4,999)</b>	<b>(5,526)</b>	<b>(14,500)</b>
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>3,975</b>	<b>8,974</b>	<b>14,500</b>	
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>3,975</b>	<b>8,974</b>	<b>14,500</b>	
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## Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to provide fixed capped amounts over three years for the following initiatives, totalling \$14.5 million across the forward estimates:

- \$10 million to support women's refuges;
- \$2 million to expand counselling services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- \$1.5 million to expand the 'Tackling Violence' program for Indigenous Offenders; and
- \$1 million to expand men's behaviour change programs.

The policy also includes the following initiatives, the costs of which are to be absorbed within existing resources and therefore do not impact the budget estimates:

- establish a Premier's Council for Women and move the women's portfolio back to the Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- strengthen penalties for breaches of Apprehended Violence Orders;
- expand domestic violence leave in the public sector and local government from five to ten days a year;
- amend the Anti-Discrimination Act to protect victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and
- work with police to strengthen the role of Police Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.