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Proposal Title: Cutting Waste – Reduce Travel Expenses

Cluster: Whole of Government

General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-2022 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	(40,000)	(40,900)	(41,923)	(122,823)
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	40,000	40,900	41,923	122,823
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-
Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	40,000	40,900	41,923	122,823

Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	40,000	40,900	41,923	122,823
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Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes to reduce general government sector travel expenditure by \$40 million each year from 2019-20, with future years adjusted for inflation at the forecast rate for the Sydney Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecasts/projections in the Pre-Election Budget Update: 2.25% in 2020-21 and 2.5% in 2021-22.

This proposal will reduce total travel and accommodation expenditure by approximately 16.5% per annum (*general government travel and accommodation expenditure (domestic and overseas)*, as of the 2018-19 Budget). It is assumed that these savings could be achieved through initiatives such as:

- increased use of electronic communication technology such as video conferencing
- restriction on overseas travel and accommodation
- relocation of staff to areas of need to reduce travel and accommodation
- use of the cheapest available mode of transport.

The government would maintain the discretion on the allocation of these savings to agencies, and no breakdown of the allocation by clusters has been assumed by the Parliamentary Budget Office.