



# Parliamentary Budget Office - Election Policy Costing

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Proposal Title: Labor’s plan for every child to learn a second language - coordination unit

Cluster: Education

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	1,280	1,309	1,342	3,930
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	<b>(1,280)</b>	<b>(1,309)</b>	<b>(1,342)</b>	<b>(3,930)</b>

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

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	<b>(1,280)</b>	<b>(1,309)</b>	<b>(1,342)</b>	<b>(3,930)</b>
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	<b>(1,280)</b>	<b>(1,309)</b>	<b>(1,342)</b>	<b>(3,930)</b>
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## Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes the establishment of a language coordination unit within the Department of Education from 1 July 2019.

The coordination unit will develop and implement a ten year plan for language education, and provide other assistance to expand the workforce and service provision of language education for children.

The policy proposes that eight staff would be funded at an average cost of approximately \$160,000 per staff member, including on-costs. The PBO has assessed this per person cost and has found it to appropriately reflect the cost associated with the likely staffing mix. However, the PBO assumes that the Department of Education will determine the final staffing mix for the unit upon introduction of the policy.

Using the \$160,000 figure above, the cost over the forward estimates will be \$3.9 million. Under the policy the costs are indexed according to the Sydney consumer price index forecasts in the Pre-Election Budget Update (2.25% in 2020-21 and 2.5% in 2021-22).