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Referred by: Coalition **Proposal No:** C1640
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Proposal Title: Improving Financial Literacy and Financial Advice Services
Cluster: Education

General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
Net Operating Balance:	-	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to:

- provide \$10 million in grants to organisations that provide financial counselling services
- expand the Financial Literacy Challenge in schools.

The policy estimates the costs to expand the Financial Literacy Challenge program to be \$750,000. The policy states these costs will be absorbed by the Department of Education. The policy will be delivered in 2023-24 and will not be ongoing.

As the total expenditure by the Department of Education was \$19 billion in 2021 and \$18 billion in 2020,¹ the PBO assumes it is reasonable to assume the cost to expand the Financial Literacy Challenge can be absorbed. The PBO notes this should be considered in light of other policies requiring the department to absorb costs, and may require a re-prioritisation of departmental resources and activities.

¹ NSW Department of Education, [Annual Report 2021](#), p 64.