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Proposal Title: Expanding the Industry Capability Network

Cluster: Customer Service

General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 $'000	2023-24 $'000	2024-25 $'000	2025-26 $'000	4 year Total $'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					
Less: Offsets					
Revenue					
Net Operating Balance:	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
Net Capital Expenditure:	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Net Lending/(Borrowing):	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Notes and costing assumptions:

The proposal is to expand the Industry Capability Network's (ICN) ability to increase opportunities for suppliers, buyers and businesses.

The proposed policy will fund additional full-time employees at the ICN at an annual cost of $880,000 per year for three financial years starting in 2023-24, at a total cost of $2.64 million. The cost of expanding the ICN will be met by redirecting funds from the existing Business Connect program. Redirection of these funds will see some diminution in the current level of activities of the Business Connect program which has an annual budget of around $10 million per annum.

Expanding the ICN program is intended to allow it to assist business with tender and EOI support services and increase the opportunity for suppliers to do business in NSW. The proposal would focus the work of the ICN on regional and non-Sydney CBD metropolitan areas.

Background

The ICN is a network of industry procurement and supply chain specialists who introduce businesses large and small to projects large and small across Australia and New Zealand. It connects suppliers, buyers, government, and market analysts from all industries.