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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C1548
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Proposal Title: Kids Helpline
Cluster: Stronger Communities

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):	-	-	-	-	-
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Total State Sector Impacts

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

The policy proposes that \$12.673 million be given to Kids Helpline over the forward estimates to increase their capacity to respond to a rising number of calls.

Kids Helpline is currently [funded](#) by a mix of yourtown Art Union support (74%), Federal and State Government funding (21%), corporate partner sponsorships (3%) and other supporters and donors (2%).

The Parliamentary Budget Office assumes funding to Kids Helpline would be treated as a grant from the NSW Government. The funding of \$12.673 million to 2025-26, and the distribution of that funding across each year of the forward estimates, is as specified in the policy.

No escalation has been applied as the costing request specifies the set amounts to be provided each year.

The policy specifies that the funding will come from within the Stronger Communities Cluster's existing resources. The funding could be adequately covered by the Stronger Communities recurrent budget (\$21.1 billion in the 2022-23 Budget). However, the Department of Communities and Justice has advised that this can only be achieved by re-prioritising funding away from existing service delivery. Hence, the PBO notes that absorbing the costs of the policy could be difficult in practice and may affect the delivery of some services.