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Proposal Title: **SPECIALIST SUBJECTS SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS**

Cluster: Education and Communities

General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)		4,150	2,158	2,212	8,519
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
Net Operating Result:	-	(4,150)	(2,158)	(2,212)	(8,519)
Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-
Net Lending/(Borrowing)	-	(4,150)	(2,158)	(2,212)	(8,519)
Net Financial Liabilities:	-	4,150	6,308	8,519	

Total State Sector Impacts

Net Financial Liabilities:	-	4,150	6,308	8,519
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy aims to increase the number of students studying science, maths, and Asian language courses. It also aims to stretch high ability students through better links with industry, business and universities.

Key initiatives of the policy include:

- retraining 320 teachers as specialists in maths and science,
- a virtual school for students to study languages,
- establishing a NSW Languages Advisory Panel,
- developing partnerships with universities, and
- upgrading science labs.

New funding for the policy is \$8.5 million over the forward estimates for costs associated with:

- developing the new programs;
- preparing training materials; and
- providing staff to manage and establish the new projects in 2015-16.

Other costs of the policy are to be met from within existing Department of Education resources.

Costing assumptions continued:

Key assumptions

Costs over the forward estimates associated with retraining the 320 specialist teachers, including scholarships , study leave, and back filling of positions whilst teachers are away on study leave, are to be provided from the existing Department of Education and Communities (DEC) budget.

The virtual school , NSW Languages Advisory Panel and partnerships with universities are also to be funded from the DEC budget.

The upgrade of science labs will be funded by a capped \$20 million allocation which is already included in the budget.