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Proposal Title: Law Reform - Modern Slavery

Cluster: Finance, Services and Innovation

General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	328	461	467	1,255
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	200	200	200	600
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	(128)	(261)	(267)	(655)

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

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(128)	(261)	(267)	(655)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(128)	(261)	(267)	(655)
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to implement the following actions, with the total estimated cost of \$0.7 million over the forward estimates.

Slavery proofing NSW Government supply lines

The policy specifies that NSW procurement policy is to include making inquiries of tenderers as to ethical employment practices. Administrative costs would be absorbed within existing resources. The PBO notes good procurement practice already involves making inquiring of tenderers, so this proposed policy should be well within the capacity of agencies to absorb.

Establish a NSW anti-slavery commissioner

The policy propose to hire a part-time NSW anti-slavery commissioner supported by a team of four staff. It is expected to start from 1 January 2020. The policy specifies the remuneration (including on-costs) is estimated to be \$250,000 per annum. The policy specifies this is to be indexed according to the Sydney consumer price index (CPI) forecasts/projections in the Pre-Election Budget Update: 2% in 2019-20, 2.25% in 2020-21 and 2.5% in 2021-22. The PBO notes this indexation is lower than current NSW public sector wages policy (2.5 per cent per annum).

The commissioner would be accommodated within DFSI and the operating costs would be absorbed by the Department within existing resources. The supporting staff costs would be reallocated within existing resources from Department of Justice and DFSI.

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

Public awareness campaign

The policy proposes to provide \$200,000 per annum for the public awareness campaign on modern slavery. The PBO assumes the funding would be a fixed amount over the forward estimates. These costs would be absorbed within existing resources of the Department of Justice.