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Proposal Title: Q Fever Vaccinations

Cluster: Health

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	2,100	2,147	-	4,247
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	2,100	2,147	-	4,247
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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## Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes to allocate funding of around \$4.3 million over two years from 1 July 2019, to increase access to, and improve the affordability of, Q Fever vaccinations. The proposal requires NSW Health to meet the cost of the subsidy and associated administrative costs from within its existing resources, so there is no net total cost over the forward estimates.

The policy will provide \$500 to general practitioners (GPs) in rural and regional areas per eligible Q fever vaccination, capped at 4,000 in each of 2019-20 and 2020-21. The PBO assumes the cap of 4,000 vaccinations per year will be reached, resulting in a total of 8,000 vaccinations over two years.

The GPs would be provided with a rebate for the procedure upon declaring that the patient met eligibility criteria. The policy specifies the patient must not be charged for the vaccination or pathology testing. However, the GP may charge a typical consultation fee.

The PBO assumes it is likely that Service NSW will be contracted to deliver the rebate scheme, as per current government practice. Assuming standard Service NSW rebate costs of \$25 per rebate, the PBO estimates an additional cost of around \$0.2 million over two years from 1 July 2019. This cost is inclusive of set-up and operational costs, and fully offset by NSW Health.

The policy specifies funding in 2020-21 to be adjusted by the Sydney Consumer Price Index (2.25% in 2020-21 according to the NSW Treasury Pre-Election Budget Update).