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Referred by: Coalition **Proposal No:** C1592
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Proposal Title: A Sustainable Future for the Royal Flying Doctor Service
Cluster: Health

General Government Sector Impacts

| | 2022-23 \$'000 | 2023-24 \$'000 | 2024-25 \$'000 | 2025-26 \$'000 | 4-year Total \$'000 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Expenses (ex. depreciation) | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 15,000 |
| Depreciation | | | | | - |
| Less: Offsets | | | | | - |
| Revenue | | | | | - |
| Net Operating Balance: | - | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | (15,000) |

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

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| Net Lending/(Borrowing): | - | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | (15,000) |
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Total State Sector Impacts

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| Net Lending/(Borrowing): | - | (5,000) | (5,000) | (5,000) | (15,000) |
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to provide a capped grant of \$20 million to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) to support the operation and continuation of service throughout NSW. The funding profile proposed in the policy will be capped at \$5 million per year starting in 2023-24 for four years up to 2026-27.

The grant would be administered by the Ministry of Health for the duration of the policy.

The policy assumes administration costs will be absorbed from within the Ministry of Health and associated expenses to be met within existing budget. The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) considers this feasible but may require a reallocation of agency activities.

The PBO estimates the cost of this policy to have a budget impact of \$5 million across the forward estimates with a net budget impact of \$15 million and a subsequent budget impact of \$5 million in 2026-27.

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

Background

The RFDS provides emergency aerial evacuation services, medical consultations and supplies alongside dental and mental health services across rural, remote, and regional parts of Australia covering 7.69 million square kilometres.