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**Referred by:** Australian Labor Party      **Proposal No:** C1245  
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**Proposal Title:** \$2.5 million of research grants on Screen, mobile phone and video game addiction  
**Cluster:** Education

### 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	-	-	-	-	-
<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:

The policy proposes to commit \$2.5 million to a research fund to look at the impact of screen-related addictions in young people and their learning.

PBO assumes spending will occur in line with the profile specified in the policy. This will be broken down as \$500,000 per year for five years, from 2023-24 to 2027-28.

The policy assumes that funding will come from the Department of Education's (DOE) grants budget. Based on [DOE's annual reports](#), the total grant spending to non-government organisations for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 was \$376 million, \$477 million, and \$521 million, respectively. This equates to an annual average of \$458 million. Given this, the PBO considers it feasible for research grants of \$500,000 per annum to be included in the existing grants budget.

Therefore, the PBO has estimated the cost of this policy to be nil.

**Notes and costing assumptions continued:**

**Assumptions**

- Costs of administering the research grants will be covered from the annual allocation.
- The scope of the research work is to be determined. Costs of implementing the recommendations from the research is outside the scope of this policy.
- DoE will work in collaboration with grant applicants to determine scope of works to be carried out under this policy. DoE will incorporate their work into the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) database.
- The specified funding will be provided as grants so is recurrent in nature.