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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C1411
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Proposal Title: Special Commission of Inquiry into the funding of healthcare in NSW
Cluster: Premier and Cabinet

General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	9,420	6,280	-	15,700
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	(9,420)	(6,280)	-	(15,700)

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

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(9,420)	(6,280)	-	(15,700)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(9,420)	(6,280)	-	(15,700)
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to establish a Special Commission of Inquiry (SCOI) into the funding of healthcare in NSW. The SCOI will examine structural issues and performance of the NSW healthcare system. The SCOI will start in late 2023 and should take 9 to 12 months to complete. The SCOI will be administered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the NSW Attorney-General, and NSW Health. The proposal states the SCOI will use existing agency resources.

The PBO has calculated that a SCOI into the funding of healthcare in NSW will cost \$15.7 million and believes that it will not be able to be carried out using existing agency resources. The PBO believes the SCOI will have a budget impact of \$15.7 million over the forward estimates.

Assumptions

- The PBO has been advised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet that a SCOI into the funding of healthcare in NSW will have similar costs to the current SCOI into LGBTQIA+ Hate Crimes which cost \$15.7 million (as summarised in the table below).
- Costs may vary depending on the scope and terms of reference of the SCOI issued under the letters patent.

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

- SCOs use existing government property with audio and video equipment facilities where possible. Where this is not possible, moveable audio and video equipment are utilised. This cost has been included in the IT Digital support costs.
- In the case government property is not available, additional costs may need to be added at approximately \$185,000 for fit out and make good costs. These are based on reasonable industry and WHS standards for a generic office fit-out with a room size that will accommodate 30 people.
- If this does become necessary, the PBO assumes that a portion of the capital costs would be reused; therefore, only a portion would be depreciated.

A summary of the budget of the LGBTQIA+ Hate Crimes SCOI which was used as a basis:

Cost of SCOI into LGBTQIA+ Hate Crimes	
Expenses	\$'000
Staff	903
Legal, investigation & expert advice	10,558
Reporting & document management	1,371
Media & community engagement	288
Witness support	230
IT, digital & website support	1,196
Security	80
Premises occupancy costs	860
Travel	213
Total	15,700

(Capital fit out and make good lease costs were not needed in this SCOI)