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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C942
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Proposal Title: Deputy Secretary Rural Health
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)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	-	-	-

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

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Rural Health within NSW Health.

NSW Health advises that a Regional Health Division was established within the Ministry of Health during 2022. This was led by a Coordinator-General for Regional Health and reports directly to the Secretary of the Department.

The costing is based on replacing the existing Coordinator-General position with a Deputy Secretary position from 1 July 2023. The budget impact of this policy is the difference in employee costs between the two positions over the three years of the forward estimates. NSW Health has advised that this cost is \$600,272 to 2025-26.

The policy proposes that this cost will be met from existing resources within NSW Health, which the Parliamentary Budget Office considers is feasible.

Key assumptions

NSW Health has advised us of the following:

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

- The cost of a Deputy Secretary is \$567,582 in 2022-23, which includes 12.45 per cent on-costs (maternity leave, long service leave, workers compensation and payroll tax) and \$10,700 for accommodation and ICT costs.
- The cost of a Coordinator General is \$377,171 for 2022-23, which includes 12.45 per cent on-costs and \$10,700 for accommodation and ICT costs.
- The salary escalation rate used in this costing is 2.5 per cent from 2024-25 and onwards.
- No other changes to the current staffing structure of the Regional Health Division.