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# Cost Estimate of Election Campaign Proposal

Publication Date:	September 2021						
Short Title:	Providing restaurant vouchers						
Description:	Introducing a 50% rebate for food and non-alcoholic drinks purchased for onsite dining from Monday to Wednesday for one month.						
Cost of Proposed Measure:	\$ millions	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Total
	Total cost	843	-	-	-	-	843
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Estimates are presented on an accrual basis as would appear in the budget and public accounts.</li><li>· A positive number implies a reduction in the budgetary balance (lower revenues or higher spending). A negative number implies an increase in the budgetary balance (higher revenues or lower spending).</li><li>· "-" = PBO does not expect a financial cost.</li></ul>						
Estimation and projection method:	Based on the requesting party's proposal, PBO modelled the restaurant voucher on the UK's Eat Out to Help Out Scheme (EOHO Scheme).  PBO used actual spending data from the EOHO Scheme and adjusted this cost by comparing overall sales in the food services and drinking places industry in Canada and the UK between 2015 and 2019. Consistent with the requesting party's proposal, PBO assumed all program parameters were identical to those used in the EOHO Scheme, such as a cap on the discount per head (£10 in the UK), no minimum spending requirement and no limit on the number of vouchers used. PBO assumed that the proposal would be implemented in December 2021.						
Source of Uncertainty:	The main source of uncertainty relates to the assumption that the take up and use of this program will be the same as in the UK. There is also uncertainty around the timing of the program.						
Data Sources:	Variable	Source					
	Eat Out to Help Out Scheme data	UK Parliament, House of Commons Library					
	Monthly survey of food services and drinking places	Statistics Canada					
	Monthly Business Survey (MBS) turnover of services industries	Office for National Statistics					