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Cost Estimate of Election Campaign Proposal

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Short title: New Ministerial Portfolio of Rural Affairs

Description: Establish a new minister's office that is dedicated to rural affairs. Any policy responsibilities under the new minister's office will be performed using existing departmental resources.

Operating line(s): Operating and Capital Expenses

Data sources:	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Source</u>
	Expenditures of Ministers' Offices	Public Accounts of Canada
	CPI Inflation	PBO EPC Baseline

Estimation and projection method: It was assumed that the new minister's office will have a similar cost structure to existing ministers' offices without policy development mandates, as any policy responsibilities under the new minister will be performed using existing resources. The cost of creating the new minister's office was calculated by taking the average annual expenditures of existing ministers' offices without policy development mandates. The expenses were grown by the PBO's projected CPI inflation. It was assumed that the new minister's office will be served by existing deputy and associate deputy ministers, and as such, no additional costs were included for those positions.

Uncertainty assessment: The estimate has low uncertainty. The ongoing cost of this office is not expected to vary greatly from the expenses of other ministers' offices without policy development mandates.

Cost of proposed measure

\$ millions	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Total cost	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Notes:

Estimates are presented on an accruals basis as would appear in the budget and public accounts.

Positive numbers subtract from the budgetary balance, negative numbers contribute to the budget balance.

"-" = PBO does not expect a financial cost