

Cost Estimate of Election Campaign Proposal

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Short title: Move the Canadian Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem

Description: Moving the Embassy of Canada to Israel from its current location in Tel-Aviv to a new permanent location in Jerusalem.

Operating line(s): Operating and Capital Expenses

Data sources:	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Source</u>
	Relocation Expenses	Open-source public data
	Purchasing Power Parity Conversions	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Estimation and projection method: Approximation was used to estimate the following costs: relocating embassy personnel, based on relocation allowance; relocating the contents of the ambassador's current residence, based on moving expenses; and equipping the new embassy office, assuming office equipment was purchased rather than moved.

Estimated costs were adjusted to reflect the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar relative to the Israeli shekel.

Uncertainty assessment: The estimate has high uncertainty. Assumptions were made regarding the scale of the move, and as such, actual relocation expenses could vary.

It was assumed that the embassy's operating costs would remain unchanged with the relocation. PBO also assumed that rental costs would be transferred and that no costs would be incurred to cancel the existing lease for the embassy in Tel-Aviv. Furthermore, costs related to security requirements, for which no public data is available, could affect the estimate.

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	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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