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Cost Estimate of Election Campaign Proposal

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Short title: Reopen the Office of Religious Freedom

Description: Closing the Office of Human Rights, Freedom and Inclusion and re-opening the office of religious Freedom as it existed in 2015.

Operating line(s): Operating and capital expenses

Data sources:	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Source</u>
	Annual budgets	Global Affairs Canada
	Salaries by classification	Collective Agreements
	Inflation	PBO

Estimation and projection method: For both offices, the historical budgeted amounts and a list of employees by classifications were obtained from public information from Global Affairs Canada. Also, for both offices, salaries were projected using the tentative collective agreements. It is assumed that the numbers of FTEs employed by both organizations would stay constant over time as well as the classifications of the employees. Operational expenses were projected using PBO's forecast for Canada in inflation. The fiscal impact was calculated by subtracting the costs of the reopening of the Office of Religious Freedom from the savings resulting from the closure of the Office of Human Rights, Freedom and Inclusion.

Uncertainty assessment: The estimate has low uncertainty. The historical information about the costs relating to both offices is precise and simple to project.

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