

## **INITIATIVES**

### **Expansion of uploadable file types and sizes**

The HESG claim site will be expanded to increase the upload size cap from 2MB per submission, to 3MB, and allow submission for PDF, PNG and BMP files - allowing 30% more submissions. The team believes this is a straightforward change.

Cost: \$250,000

### **Direct upload from phone**

The HESG claim site will be upgraded so that photos can be uploaded directly from their phone, estimated to increase uploads by 10%. The team believes this is a straightforward change.

Cost: \$300,000

### **OCR (optical character recognition)**

The HESG claim site will enable OCR technology, converting documents into formatted text, decreasing input time by 80% and reducing operations team involvement. The team believes this is a straightforward change.

Cost: \$600,000

### **AI-based fraud detection**

The HESG claim site will integrate machine learning capabilities which can process data and perform fraud detection, increasing fraud detection by 30%, with 80% accuracy. The team believes an existing solution can be purchased, with a straightforward implementation.

Cost: \$600,000

### **Virtual `chatbot` agent**

The HESG claim site will be updated with a `chatbot` agent to provide real-time, 24/7 support, estimated to decrease erroneous submissions from 12% to <5%. The team believes this will be a straightforward implementation.

Cost: \$550,000

### **Automated real-time reimbursement tracking**

The HESG claim site will be updated to allow students to track reimbursements, queries which currently equate to 30% of emails and 40% of tickets received. The technology team believes an existing solution can be purchased, with a straightforward implementation.

Cost: \$450,000

### **Pilot scheme to offer grants to low income students**

A pilot scheme will offer lump-sum grants to low income students, rather than reimbursements for actual expenses, reducing the workload of the operations teams. The team believes this will be a straightforward change.

Cost: \$450,000

### **Allow third-party access to portal data**

The HESG claim site will allow third-party access when approved by students (e.g. accountants). The team believes this will be a difficult implementation and require

significant ongoing support.

Cost: \$850,000

**Physical points of presence at university campuses to enable quick upload/request for reimbursement**

Stations will be set up on university campuses with representatives helping students to complete their own reimbursement claims. The team believes this will be a straightforward change.

Cost: \$370,000

**Automated analytics dashboard for performance reporting**

The HESG claim site will create an automated analytics dashboard for the back office, estimated to increase productivity by 15%. The team believes this will be a straightforward implementation.

Cost: \$650,000

**Move reimbursement application infrastructure to cloud solution**

Student profiles will automatically be created and maintained by university enrolment records, reducing fraud and student input time. The team believes this will be a large and complex implementation, as universities may not be able to provide this information efficiently.

Cost: \$900,000

**User profile data is created and maintained from students' university enrolment records**

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Cost: \$950,000

**Marketing campaign to spread awareness of eligibility and updated platform**

A marketing campaign will be completed running through changes in the platform, as 30% of Australians hear about Government initiatives through marketing. The team believes this is a straightforward program.

Cost: \$350,000

**Interactive training curriculum for students**

Instructional materials be created and uploaded outlining how to use the portal, which will address 30% of emails received. The team believes this will be a straightforward change.

Cost: \$70,000

**Enable vendors to lodge the claim for the student in real-time**

The HESG claim site will enable vendors to lodge claims for students, as 20% of reimbursements come from a single retailer. The team believes this is a complex change.

Cost: \$950,000