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Danny O'BRIEN: Where is the funding in the budget for the \$210 million Safer Local Roads and Streets program? I cannot identify it anywhere.

Answer:

The \$210 million Transport Accident Commission (TAC) funded Safe Local Roads and Streets Program is a new road safety investment program that recognises councils have a key role to play in addressing road trauma on their road networks and in supporting the Victorian Government's 2030 Road Safety Strategy.

It will foster a strong partnership between local councils, the Department of Transport and Planning and the TAC that will work to identify, plan, develop and deliver more road safety upgrades across Victoria.

Funding is allocated in the TAC's operating budget for road infrastructure.



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Danny O'BRIEN: There are 23,000 kilometres in this state, Minister, and next year you are going to do 3, because of budget cuts. That is the reality, isn't it? Can I ask about the Road Safety Fund. Perhaps the Secretary might be able to explain – budget paper 3, page 312. The Road Safety Fund was underspent this year by \$126 million, and this year is also down by another \$48 million. Can you explain to me what that Road Safety Fund actually is? Because it appears to be where the TAC moneys are received.

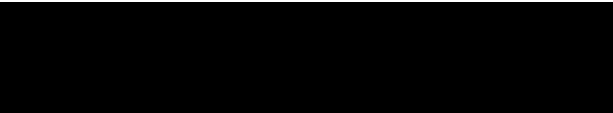
Paul YOUNIS: I will have to get back to you on this one, Mr O'Brien, because some of that is funded by the TAC, and the TAC funding is actually allocated separately. That program is funded through that program.

Danny O'BRIEN: Well, why is it literally \$126 million less than budgeted last year?

Answer:

The Road Safety Fund holds funding allocated by Transport Accident Commission to the Department of Transport and Planning to deliver specific road safety action plan and programs. This includes TAC funding allocated to the Safer Roads Program and Victoria's contribution to the Commonwealth Road Safety Programs as well as funding allocated to behavioural and vehicle safety programs such as the L2P Program which supports eligible young Victorian learner drivers who do not have access to a supervising driver, or an appropriate vehicle gain driving experience and skills required for a probationary licence.

Contributors to the variance in 22/23 budget are a result of delay in funding allocation and approvals of Commonwealth and National road safety programs which have required rephasing of funding into 2023/24 and 2024/25 to match federal budgets. This has been further compounded by impacts of flooding across Victoria in 2022.



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