



Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

DEPARTMENT / AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE, SEPTEMBER 2023

The Inquiry

On 2 August 2023, the Legislative Council resolved to establish a select committee to investigate and report on the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the progress of the regional infrastructure build. An interim report is due by April 2024 and a final report is due by April 2025.

Terms of Reference

A Select Committee of nine members be appointed to inquire into, consider and report on the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the progress of the regional infrastructure build, including but not limited to —

- (a) the potential failures in governance, probity and procurement processes in the Victorian Government's bid, contract, and termination of the 2026 Commonwealth Games;
- (b) the impacts of the contract termination of the Commonwealth Games on Victoria's reputation, business community, tourism, and major events;
- (c) the Victorian Government advice received from government departments, councils, agencies, consultants, and contractors;
- (d) the potential of undue influence by the executive on the independence of the public service;
- (e) the timeline, progress and budget of the Victorian Government's regional infrastructure and housing build;
- (f) the impact on community, social, amateur, and professional sport in Victoria;
- (g) any other relevant matter.

Questionnaire to relevant departments and agencies

This questionnaire seeks information about how the terms of reference affects each department or agency including budget allocations, infrastructure projects and assets, and other key economic, financial management and emerging issues.

Please answer all questions that may be applicable to your department/agency and advise if some, or all questions are not applicable.

Timeline and format

Responses to this questionnaire are due by **5.00pm on Monday, 2 October 2023**. It is essential that the Committee receive responses by this date to allow sufficient time to consider them before public hearings which are likely to commence in early October 2023. The completed questionnaire should be sent (in the format received) to: commonwealthgames@parliament.vic.gov.au

- 1) **What progress had been made in implementing the major initiatives/programs for the department/agency relevant to the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Please identify a minimum of ten initiatives/programs.**

Major milestone/initiative	Objective	Financial Output (to date)	Allocated Budget	Activities undertaken
The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) provided an advisory function related to 2026 Commonwealth Games Legacy housing initiatives only. No major housing initiatives/programs commenced implementation.	DFFH identified opportunities for legacy provision of high quality, well located social and affordable housing through delivery of Commonwealth Games villages.	No financial outputs. DFFH provided an advisory function delivered within existing EFT and resources.	No specific budget expenditure allocated. DFFH provided an advisory function delivered within existing EFT and resources.	DFFH reviewed and provided advice of proposed village locations and suitability for provision of legacy social and affordable housing outcomes.

- 2) **Budget Paper No. 5: Statement of Finances provides a comprehensive operating statement that details each department's revenue and expenses on an accrual basis reflecting the cost of providing its output. Please provide a line-item breakdown of departmental/agency expenditure for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.**

Line Item	Budget (\$ million)	Expenditure (\$ million)	Description
Delivered within existing resources.	N/A	N/A	Delivered within existing resources.

- 3) **For all programs (output initiatives, including grants) with total funding of equal to or greater than \$2.5 million that will now be cancelled, please provide the following:**

DFFH, through Homes Victoria, provided an advisory function only and was not responsible for delivery of specific output initiatives.

- 4) **For all programs (output initiatives, including grants) with total funding of equal to or greater than \$2.5 million where funding is to be continued, please provide the following:**

DFFH provided an advisory function only and was not responsible for delivery of specific output initiatives.

5) For grant programs announced as part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games expenditure, please provide the following:

DFFH provided an advisory function only and was not responsible for delivery of specific grant programs.

6) For the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years, please identify all output(s) for which the department/agency received additional funding through the Treasurer's Advances for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, why additional funding was required and where it is reported.

DFFH did not receive additional funding through Treasurer's Advances for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

7) Please list the internal departmental/agency performance measures relevant to the 2026 Commonwealth Games including:

DFFH did not have any established measures relevant to the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Formal investment proposals in social and affordable housing outcomes through Commonwealth Games Legacy program were not developed.

8) Please provide the department's/agency's (actual/expected/forecast) headcount and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff numbers and recruitment costs for the 2026 Commonwealth Games for the financial years ending 30 June 2022, 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024:

DFFH's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects was delivered through existing resources.

9) Please provide the number and total value of employee termination payments as of 1 August 2023 relevant to employees working on the Commonwealth Games.

No DFFH positions were recruited or allocated to Commonwealth Games delivery and no employee termination payments were made.

10) Please provide an organisational executive chart for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, relevant for your department/agency as of 1 June 2022, 1 January 2023 and 1 August 2023.

DFFH provided advisory functions through existing resources and did not establish specific executive functions for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

11) What were the main identified gaps in the department's/agency's capability and capacity to deliver the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

DFFH's advisory functions delivered were able to be accommodated within existing resources.

12) Please provide an itemised list for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years of the department/agency expenditure on consultants and contractors for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, including the following:

DFFH's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects was delivered through existing resources. No additional expenditure was allocated across the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years

13) Please provide a list of 2026 Commonwealth Games advertising expenditure for the department/agency in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, including the following:

DFFH's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects was delivered through existing resources. No advertising expenditure was allocated across the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years.

14) Please provide a list of 2026 Commonwealth Games booked advertising for the department/agency in 2023-24 and across the forward estimates, including the following:

Homes Victoria's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects was delivered through existing resources. No advertising was booked by the agency in 2023-24 or across the forward estimates.

15) What impact, if any, did funding issues from local government or the Federal Government have on the department's/agency's Commonwealth Games budget and expenditure?

No local or Federal Government funding impacts were identified.

16) Please provide a list of financial delegation powers for your department/agency including executive names or positions and value of delegation power.

See Attachments 1 and 2.

17) Regarding the 2026 Commonwealth Games, which relevant and interested community groups and stakeholders did the department/agency consult or engage with? Please detail the budget expenditure related to and the final outcomes of consultation.

DFFH's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects did not include external to government stakeholder engagement and no specific expenditure was allocated to external stakeholder engagement.

18) Please provide a list of all interstate and international travel for department/agency staff related to the 2026 Commonwealth Games, including:

No international or interstate travel was undertaken departmental staff specifically related to the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

19) Please detail the extent of departmental/agency interactions with the First Nations People of Victoria in preparation for the 2026 Commonwealth Games

Homes Victoria's advisory function in supporting Commonwealth Games Legacy projects did not include engagement activities with First Nations people of Victoria specifically related to the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

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