PAEC Inquiry into the 2018-19 Budget Estimates – Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearing

Minister Donnellan, Ports, Tuesday 29 May 2018

Question 1

1. With reference to the 2018-19 Budget Paper No.3 (p. 11), Table 1.9 refers to better recreational facilities for Victorian waterways.

a. What sort of projects will be funded?

b. How does the funding stream will work?

Response

The State Government's new initiative "Better recreational facilities for Victorian waterways" provides funding for projects that may include new and upgraded jetties, piers, pontoons, boat ramps, and future masterplans. The facilities will improve access to waterways for fishing, boating and, promenading. To date, \$900,000 has been allocated to repair Seaford Pier and reopen it to the public. Further projects will be announced.

The majority of the initiative funding will be provided to land and waterway managers for the delivery of these projects.

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Question 2

2. In relation to the Brisbane to Melbourne inland rail project:

a. Is the Government engaging with the relevant stakeholders?

b. Has the Government made a submission to the Australian Rail Track Corporation in relation to this project?

Response

The Inland Rail project is a Commonwealth Government project being delivered by the Commonwealth-owned Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). The Victorian Government, through Transport for Victoria, is working closely with the Commonwealth and the ARTC to ensure the State's interests are protected in the delivery of the project, including passenger rail services on the North East rail line. In relation to any communication and engagement with stakeholders along the corridor, protocols are in place to ensure the Commonwealth and the ARTC first consult with Victoria.

The Victorian Government, through Transport for Victoria, is working closely with the Commonwealth and the ARTC to ensure the State's interests are protected in the delivery of the project. There have not been any submissions sought by the ARTC.