

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARING

DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET (DPC)

1. Please provide a copy of the social media guidelines for the Department.

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 9 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Victorian Public Sector Commission (VPSC) has overarching Guidance for the Use of Social Media in the Victorian Public Sector. See **Attachment A**.

As part of the Victorian Digital Standards Framework, there is a how-to guide on using social media. This best practice how-to guide outlines the steps for setting up a new social media channel for the Victorian Government to publicly communicate its services, events and emergency information. See **Attachment B**.

DPC also has guidance for staff on using social media through the DPC Social Media and Acceptable Usage Policies. See **Attachment C** for the DPC Social Media Policy and **Attachment D** for the DPC Acceptable Usage Policy. Both policies are under review.

2. Please provide a breakdown of the \$226 million of investment in the Latrobe Valley.

(Asked by Ms Shing, pages 11–12 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Government's \$266 million package of support to the Latrobe Valley comprises funding of \$250 million announced by the Premier on 3 November 2016, funding of \$13 million from the Latrobe Valley Economic Development Program, and \$2.5 million offset from funding provided to DELWP for improved planning capability for priority areas. Elements of each component of the support package are detailed in the below table.

INITIATIVE	DEPARTMENT	FUNDING ALLOCATION (\$ MILLION)
Latrobe Valley Authority	LVA	20
Worker Transition Support	LVA	22
Economic Growth Zone	LVA	50
Latrobe Valley Community Infrastructure and Investment Fund		174
• Latrobe Valley Sport and Community Initiative ⁽¹⁾		65
○ Infrastructure	LVA	53.1
○ Major events and community	LVA	6.9
○ Community Managed Places Program	DELWP	5
• Worker Transfer Scheme	LVA	20
• Community Facility Fund	LVA	20
• Latrobe Valley GovHub	LVA	18
• LVA Discretionary Grants Fund	LVA	10
• Supporting the Families of the Latrobe Valley ⁽²⁾	DET/DHHS	8.9
• Energy Efficiency Initiatives	DELWP	7.5
• Tourism Initiatives	DEDJTR	6.5
• School Upgrades	DET	6

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• Morwell Youth Space	DHHS	4.3
• Good Money Microfinance	DHHS	2.3
• Planning the Transition	DELWP	5
(1) \$85 million Latrobe Valley Sport and Community Initiative comprises \$60 million from Latrobe Valley Community Infrastructure and Investment Fund, \$20 million existing funding from DHHS and \$5 million for Community Managed Places Program, held by DELWP.		
(2) \$1 million of \$9.9 million Supporting the Families of the Latrobe Valley Initiative is funded from LVA Discretionary Grant Fund.		

- 3. Please provide a list of all the chartered flights taken by either the Premier or DPC ministers, the destinations of those flights, the costs to the Department and who took the flights in 2016–17.**

(Asked by Mr Smith, pages 11 and 12 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

CHARTER FLIGHTS TAKEN BY MINISTERIAL OFFICES IN 2016–17	
Destination:	\$
WARRNAMBOOL	4,318.18
LEONGATHA	3,550.00
ECHUCA-MARYBOROUGH-BENDIGO-WANGARATTA	9,045.45
MALLACOOTA-LATROBE VALLEY	7,227.27
BALLARAT	3,590.91
MANGALORE-SHEPPARTON	4,960.00
PORTLAND	5,250.00
BALLARAT-ARARAT-STAWELL	9,850.00
TOTAL	47,791.81

DPC does not have information about who took the flights because this is held by the Ministerial Offices.

- 4. Please provide the number for the actual headcount of each ministerial office, including the Premier's office.**

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 15 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER AND MINISTERIAL OFFICE STAFF IN 2016–17	
Headcount Numbers:	
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER - ANDREWS	94
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PREMIER - MERLINO	11
MINISTER JENNINGS	7
MINISTER PULFORD	10
MINISTER PALLAS	12
MINISTER ALLAN	10
MINISTER DONNELLAN	6
MINISTER EREN	7
MINISTER FOLEY	10
MINISTER HENNESSY	12
MINISTER TIERNEY	6
MINISTER HUTCHINS	6

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MINISTER MIKAKOS	8
MINISTER PAKULA	7
MINISTER RICHARDSON	7
MINISTER SCOTT	10
MINISTER DALIDAKIS	6
MINISTER WYNNE	9
MINISTER NOONAN	7
MINISTER NEVILLE	7
MINISTER D'AMBROSIO	8
MINISTER KAIROUZ	6
OFFICE OF THE CABINET SECRETARY - THOMAS	2
Grand Total	268

- 5. Please provide a list of the number and nature of individual meetings, engagements and consultations that were undertaken by the Victorian Multicultural Commission chair and/or the VMC representatives, or staff which involved state government MPs only.**

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 22 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) regularly conducts Regional Advisory Council meetings and other meetings and consultations with community groups and members of culturally, linguistically and diverse communities. The VMC may invite the local Member of Parliament to attend to ensure that local issues are brought to government's attention or, where a particular issue relevant to a government portfolio is to be addressed at a consultation, the VMC may invite the relevant Minister or a public service representative.

In 2016–17, one of the VMC's consultations was attended by two State Government MPs. This consultation took place in the City of Hume and was attended by Ros Spence MP and Frank Maguire MP. One Regional Advisory Council meeting held in Casey was attended by a representative from the office of Judith Graley MP.

- 6. In relation to gender responsive budgeting and/or gender impact analysis and the work developed in 2016–17 and as part of the 2017–18 budgetary process, please provide further information on the progress that has been made in this area.**

(Asked by Ms Shing on behalf of Ms Pennicuik, page 22 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

Gender impact analysis promotes gender equality through social and fiscal policy. It involves the consideration of the implications of a policy in terms of:

- resource distribution
- distribution of paid and unpaid work
- the adequacy of a policy to meet the different needs of women, men, trans gender diverse and intersex people
- how the policy might affect gender norms and roles.

Gender responsive budgeting reviews and adapts budgetary processes and policies so that expenditures and revenues reflect gendered differences and inequalities in income, assets, decision making power, service needs, and responsibilities for caring.

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The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has advised that an Interdepartmental Committee, co-led with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), has been established to progress work on implementing gender impact analysis and gender responsive budgeting.

Following the reintroduction of gender equality budget statements in 2017–18, DHHS is working with DTF to support the development of the 2018–19 Gender Equality Budget Statement. Through design and delivery of this work, DHHS has started on a pathway to gender responsive budgeting in the long term.

DHHS is also progressing work to develop a qualitative framework and tools to support implementation of gender impact analysis in the Victorian Public Service. In 2018, work will commence on a pilot of these tools.

7. Indicate the amount spent on legal fees for minister or staff on any matter in 2016–17.

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 23, 24 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

DPC incurred \$154,078 in legal fees on behalf of Ministers or their staff in the financial year 2016–17 on matters where the department was supporting a Minister either directly named or involved in legal proceedings connected with the ordinary course of government business, or where a House of Parliament passed a resolution requiring a Minister to produce particular documents to that House.

8. In 2016–17, how many ministerial staff made formal complaints of any sort, including those relating to bullying or OH&S matters?

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 23 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

DPC is unable to provide this information as the department does not have oversight of Ministerial staff matters.

9. What was the cost of shifting production for social media content from an external source, external to DPC, in 2016–17?

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 24 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

DPC estimates the cost to have been no more than \$150,000. Some social media content produced externally to the department was produced as part of a suite of campaign materials or public relations services, and it is not always possible to delineate particular components.

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10. Provide a list of the KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) directly associated with the Ice Action Taskforce expenditure.

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, page 25 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

ICE ACTION PLAN INITIATIVES	FUNDING (4-YEAR TOTAL)	ACHIEVEMENTS
STAGE 1 – Victorian Budget 2015/16 - \$45.5 million		
Expand drug treatment services with a focus on rural rehabilitation	\$18.0m	New innovative therapeutic day rehabilitation treatment services introduced to provide up to 500 treatment courses each year across nine services, including seven services in regional Victoria (Mildura, Warrnambool, Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Moe and Ballarat)
New booze and drug buses	\$15.0m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 new drug and booze buses to improve road safety, and additional random roadside drug tests Victoria Police completed 100,000 roadside drug screening tests in 2016–17
Training and support services for families and communities	\$4.7m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 4,000 calls to the 1800 Ice Help Line since it commenced in 2015 Around 1,500 people are participating in the Breakthrough: Ice Education for Families program each year. Through this program, families in need are getting help to recognise when there is a problem and what to do
Cracking down on clandestine drug labs	\$4.5m	40 per cent improvement in capacity of Victoria Police's Forensic Drug Branch, including greater analysis capacity and decreased turnaround times
Expand investment in needle and syringe programs	\$1.8m	More than 20 sites have received funding grants to expand after hour access to needle and syringe programs
Expand investment in clinical supervision for alcohol and other drug treatment and mental health workers	\$0.6m	Rollout of training for both mental health and alcohol and other drug providers commenced in January 2017
Community Ice Action Groups to develop local strategies to address ice	\$0.5m	38 grants have been provided to Community Ice Action Groups across regional Victoria to help them deliver local solutions and education
Development of a standard best practice training curriculum for frontline workers	\$0.4m	More than 10,000 people have registered for the free online ice training for frontline workers
STAGE 2 – Victorian Budget 2016/17		
Expansion of the Drug Court of Victoria to Melbourne Magistrates' Court	\$32.0m	The Melbourne Drug Court opened in March 2017 and is giving a further 170 participants each year the opportunity to address the underlying causes of their addiction

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Mental health, alcohol and other drugs facilities renewal	\$10.0m	29 facilities renewal grants were allocated to alcohol and other drug service providers
Development of a 18–20 bed alcohol and drugs residential rehabilitation service in the Grampians Region	\$6.0m	Construction commenced in early 2018 on a new 20–bed residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility in Ballarat
Face to face training for frontline health and human service workers	\$5.5m	5,000 face-to-face training places have been offered to frontline workers and 3,000 paramedics will receive this training by the end of 2017
Continuation and expansion of the Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice partnerships	\$4.0m	Pilot projects in four metropolitan areas are continuing
STAGE 3 – Victorian Budget 2017/18 ¹		
Responding to unavoidable demand for alcohol and other drug services	\$34.8m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 new residential rehabilitation beds within existing services • Additional counselling and treatment services for up to 3,800 parents a year to meet requirements of family reunification legislation • 960 extra treatment places for people with mandatory treatment conditions
Expanded treatment support for people at risk of overdose	\$12.4m	An additional 17 care and recovery positions and eight peer support roles (nine of which are in regional Victoria) to expand support services for people transitioning in and out of treatment services, a critical time when they are at higher risk of harm
Mental health and alcohol and other drug facilities renewal	\$10.0m	Improved selected mental health and alcohol and other drug facilities
Regional drug residential rehabilitation service	\$9.7m	Land acquisition for three new residential rehabilitation facilities in the Gippsland, Hume and Barwon regions
Earlier access to alcohol and other drug services	\$6.0m	Expand existing phone-based and online support and advice services for people using alcohol and other drugs, as well as their families and others seeking information, advice, support and referral
Strengthening alcohol and other drug treatment data systems	\$4.1m	Upgraded alcohol and other drug treatment data collection system, which will strengthen understanding of client pathways through alcohol and other drug treatment services

¹ Note that 2017/18 Budget initiatives are currently being implemented and achievements may not yet be fully realised.

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Family Drug Treatment Court	\$1.4m	Extension of the trial of the Family Drug Treatment Court at Broadmeadows Children’s Court
TOTAL	\$181.5m	

11. In relation to Safe Steps, please indicate:

- a) how many calls were made in 2016–17.
- b) how many calls were unanswered and how many were answered
- c) what monitoring mechanisms the department has for the oversight of Safe Steps

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, pages 25-6 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

- a. Safe Steps has reported to DHHS that 91,057 calls were made in 2016–17.
- b. Safe Steps has advised DHHS that 12,004 calls were unanswered in 2016–17 and that 79,053 were answered in the same period.
- c. Safe Steps has a service agreement with DHHS, which sets out the funding it receives and associated deliverables. Compliance activities related to the service agreement include:
 - a three-yearly accreditation process for Human Services Standards, which identifies performance related issues and makes associated recommendations
 - a mid-year (18-monthly) review to track progress against audit recommendations
 - regular service monitoring, including through the provision of data to enable the department to track performance against budget and targets.

12. In relation to family violence and the support and safety hubs that were announced as part of the 2016–17 Budget, provide an update on which areas they will be located in and supply a copy of the detailed local consultation plan from Family Safety Victoria.

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, page 26 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The first five Support and Safety Hubs (Hubs) will be located in Mildura (Mallee DHHS Area), Geelong (Barwon DHHS Area), Morwell (Inner Gippsland DHHS Area), Frankston (Bayside Peninsula DHHS Area), and Heidelberg (North East Metropolitan Melbourne DHHS Area). These hubs are expected to open in the coming months.

The development of the hubs has been subject to extensive local consultation and co-design. There is no discrete document that details the local consultation plan for the development of the hubs.

However, the following local consultation was undertaken:

- In September 2016, DPC coordinated Community Conversations in Hamilton, Bendigo, Morwell, Mildura and the Melbourne CBD, to envisage the overarching shape of family violence reforms in the community.
- In late 2016, DPC held hub consultation workshops in Geelong, Pakenham, Horsham, Swan Hill, Shepparton, Sale and Craigieburn to provide a wide range of stakeholders the opportunity to

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contribute to the initial stages of the statewide model for the hubs. More than 700 people attended these sessions.

- In early 2017, DPC held a series of workshops with an expert design group, which included 35 practitioners from across the family violence sector.
- Focused engagement in the first five hub launch areas began in early 2017. The key stakeholders consulted at a local level, at this stage, were Integrated Family Violence Committees, Integrated Family Violence Regional Aboriginal Groups, Child FIRST practitioners, Family Services, Child and Youth Area Partnerships (Inner Gippsland and Mallee), Housing and Homelessness services, and DHHS Area Directors.
- The views of these stakeholders were sought on matters such as planning for the design processes, how to draw on local expertise, current area based governance groups, and options for local governance and participation.
- Throughout the consultation process, there has been ongoing consultation with the Victim Survivor Advisory Council, the Aboriginal Co-Design Forum, and the Diverse Communities and Intersectionality Working Group.
- Family Safety Victoria (FSV) was established in July 2017 and adopted the implementation of the hubs at that time. FSV established Local Hubs Establishment Groups in November 2017, to support the establishment of the hubs in the local area, set up clear referral pathways between hubs and local services, and inform the statewide approach to system planning for the further rollout of the hubs.

13. In relation to multicultural affairs and the jobs component under this portfolio, please provide:

- a) further detail in terms of age groups and ethnic background for each sector, partner employer and cohort
- b) an update on the Department's role in 2016–17 and the public sector's role in this area.

(Asked by Mr Dimopoulos, pages 27–28 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

While the Department of Economic Development, Jobs Transport and Resources provides reports on the background of Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN) participants, including cultural diversity and age, data is not provided at the individual level, which would allow for the identification of multiple characteristics e.g. jobseekers from African backgrounds, who are under 30, and placed in jobs in the construction industry. However, these reports do indicate that JVEN is successfully reaching culturally diverse job seekers, including those from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

The Victorian Government funds a range of programs to improve employment and education outcomes for recently arrived migrants – a key determinant of successful settlement.

In the 2016/17 State Budget, the Victorian Government committed \$53 million over four years for the JVEN.

The Multicultural Affairs Portfolio provided additional investment of \$4 million over three years, with the JVEN program allocating \$2 million (for a total of \$6 million) specifically for culturally diverse Victorians participating in JVEN, including those from multicultural, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

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A high priority for the \$6 million funding allocation is projects that support culturally diverse young people aged 15–25 years who are disengaged from education, training and/or employment, or jobseekers from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds.

In order to achieve sustainable employment outcomes for these target groups, specialist multicultural services:

- engage young people from culturally diverse backgrounds including refugee and asylum seekers who are unemployed or not engaged in the labour market or in education and training
- work with community leaders and peer groups to engage young people and refugee job seekers and develop effective wraparound support services to enable positive employment outcomes
- bring together key community, government and business groups at the local level to address specific issues/barriers faced by young jobseekers from culturally diverse backgrounds (e.g. disengagement from education, lack of work experience, access to community role models/mentors), as well as to consider the cultural competence of the workplace
- provide work preparation and employment placement linked to participants' aspirations.

14. In relation to the *Victorian Government Advertising Plan 2016–17* close to \$4.1 million was spent on funding the major transport infrastructure projects. How much of that funding, or that spending, has been used to advertise the projects, not just the disruptions caused by the projects?

(Asked by Mr Morris, pages 28–9 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

DPC's understanding is that the advertising expenditure figure referred to is published on page 9 of the Victorian Government Advertising Report 2016–17, which refers to "Various advertising campaigns to inform the community of disruptions associated with level crossing removals across Melbourne" undertaken by the Level Crossing Removals Authority (LXRA) during 2016–17 (and valued at \$4,088,089).

As the report indicates the purpose of that advertising was to inform the community of disruptions associated with level crossing removals across Melbourne.

15. The Department's Annual Report (p.21) states that there was a 16 per cent decrease in policy services timeliness, down from 95 to 80 per cent. Given there are an extra 230 FTEs in the Department, please explain:

a) what is driving that decline

b) what sort of additional resources have been put into this area as a result of the additional 230 FTEs.

(Asked by Mr Morris, pages 28–29 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The decline in timeliness is attributed to a rapid and large increase in policy services required due to the Government's significant reform and infrastructure program, and a lag in recruitment being undertaken to resource these activities. As policy services are the core function of the department it is anticipated that all additional resources will contribute to improving the timeliness of services.

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- 16. In relation to Service Victoria’s business plan, please provide a copy of the implementation plan referred to by the Department’s Deputy Secretary (Mr Tony Bates) on p.31 of the public hearing transcript.**

(Asked by Mr Morris, pages 29–31 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

Please refer to Service Victoria’s Program Implementation Plan at **Attachment E**.

- 17. Provide qualitative and quantitative responses on the extent to which the marriage equality postal survey and broader public debate featured as part of the work undertaken during 2016–17 in the LGBTI roadshows and in the visits.**

(Asked by Ms Shing, page 32 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

- The prolonged national marriage equality debate and postal survey featured heavily in the work of the LGBTI Regional and Rural Roadshow (LGBTI Roadshow) during late 2016 and throughout 2017.
- The negative impacts of the national debate and postal survey for the mental health and well-being of many LGBTI people are ongoing and continue to be a focus of the LGBTI Roadshow in 2018.
- Rural and regional LGBTI people are more likely to be isolated and have less access to support services, including peer support and mental health services.
- During the prolonged national marriage equality debate, the LGBTI Roadshow engaged with more than 2000 regional and rural Victorians, including people from more than 200 organisations and 20 local councils across more than 23 rural and regional towns.
- In this time, regional and rural LGBTI communities and individuals consistently reported the negative mental health impacts caused and exacerbated by the prolonged national marriage equality debate and postal survey.
- Organisations providing mental health support to regional and rural LGBTI Victorians also consistently reported doubling, and in some cases more, in the demand for their services; increased severity and complexity of mental health issues (including suicide); and longer wait lists.
- For example, Switchboard reported an 88 per cent increase in calls during the postal survey period; many of these calls were from regional and rural LGBTI Victorians.
- The LGBTI Roadshow project team undertook visits in October and November 2017 to specifically support regional and rural LGBTI communities during the challenging postal survey period.
- These visits sought to connect local LGBTI individuals and networks to wellbeing and mental health supports, particularly in rural and regional areas of high need.
- In 2018, the LGBTI Roadshow is working with Victorian LGBTI regional and rural communities toward healing after marriage equality, including through a statewide community of practice gathering on 17 and 18 April.

- 18. \$100,000 was made available to the Victorian Pride Centre to establish a virtual platform a web-based resources. Please provide details of what DPC contract the centre to deliver and what they have acquitted against.**

(Asked by Mr Morris, page 33 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

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Response:

The contract referred to is between the Victorian Pride Centre and DHHS. This was one project in a package of \$500,000 of DHHS mental health support funding announced following the marriage equality plebiscite proposal, before the survey was established.

DPC understands this project aims to help the Victorian Pride Centre Ltd to develop an online platform which will provide access to mental health and wellbeing resources from a range of organisations now and into the future.

The virtual platform will, in particular, provide socially or geographically isolated young LGBTI people with access to mental health resources and information.

DPC understands this project is in development with this stage of the virtual Pride Centre to be completed in July 2018.

19. Please provide details of any expenditure associated with Mr Khalil Eideh’s special adviser to the Premier role and indicate if Mr Eideh had a special office prior to his resignation.

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, pages 33–34 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

There was no expenditure by DPC associated with Mr Khalil Eideh, and DPC did not fund or provide a special office for Mr Eideh.

20. In relation to the celebration of Long Tan, please indicate what the Commonwealth Government’s contribution was.

(Asked by Ms Ward, page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Victorian Government made a \$1 million commitment to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan through a one year program of activities. The program comprised 15 elements, including the major commemorative event at the Shrine of Remembrance on 18 August 2016. The Commonwealth Government did not contribute towards any of these 15 elements.

The Commonwealth Government, through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA), contributed to a national commemoration on 18 August 2016 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. DVA also subsidised travel for 150 Vietnam veterans to attend the Canberra service and the Brisbane service (the battalions which fought at Long Tan are based in Brisbane), as well as those wishing to visit the site of the battle in Vietnam. DVA provided various grants through the ‘Century of Service’ grant program. Australia Post issued a set of commemorative stamps. As the Commonwealth Government did not administer a dedicated commemorative program across government, DVA is unable to provide a total figure contributed by the Commonwealth to the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

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- 21. Provide the details of the Department’s energy costs in dollar terms, including a breakdown of electricity and gas over the 2016–17 financial year and indicate whether there is an increase, decrease or otherwise compared to previous years.**

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

In 2016–17, the electricity costs for DPC sites totalled \$56,782.60. Please note there has been no gas usage. This is the first year that DPC has paid for electricity separately and therefore a comparison cannot be made to previous years. The majority of DPC staff have previously occupied Treasury Reserve buildings, which incur no direct electricity costs as they are included in our gross rent. However, consumption has increased overall, but decreased per FTE, meaning greater efficiency has been achieved.

- 22. Provide a list of the interstate travel costs for DPC staff and also any ministers or ministerial staff in 2016–17.**

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

LIST OF INTERSTATE TRAVEL COSTS FOR DPC STAFF AND ANY MINISTERS OR MINISTERIAL STAFF IN 2016–17	
DPC Group:	\$
ECONOMIC POLICY AND STATE PRODUCTIVITY	78,223
GOVERNANCE POLICY AND COORDINATION	262,664
SOCIAL POLICY	749,607
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL	13,252
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY	25,067
Total	1,128,813
MINISTERIAL	303,751
Grand Total	1,432,564

- 23. Provide a list of the international travel costs for DPC staff in 2016–17.**

(Asked by Mr O’Brien, page 35 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR DPC STAFF IN 2016–17	
DPC Group:	\$
ECONOMIC POLICY AND STATE PRODUCTIVITY	231,896
GOVERNANCE POLICY AND COORDINATION	18,946
SOCIAL POLICY	47,600
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY	22,309
Total	320,751

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- 24. In relation to housing being made available to those impacted by family violence, within the reporting period, please indicate:**
- a) how many properties have been acquired or become available for households impacted by family violence**
 - b) how many of those properties have been occupied**
 - c) of those who received a lease, how many were already on the public housing waiting list**
 - d) how many properties were leased to male victims**
 - e) how many properties were leased to members of the LGBTI community**
 - f) what resources have been made available to these survivors as a pathway to permanent housing.**

(Asked by Mr Morris, pages 37–38 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The \$152 million Family Violence Housing Blitz package contained five streams of funding, including \$50.24 million for rapid housing assistance through head leasing and spot purchases (see Additional Information for the list of funding streams).

Note the response below is in relation to the rapid housing assistance head leasing program, as this component relates directly to the acquisition of properties, as per the scope of the question.

- a) 185 properties purchased by registered housing agencies through the \$48.8 million acquisition program and 124 properties head-leased by registered housing agencies for a 12-month period through the \$1.44 million head leasing program.
- b) All properties have been tenanted.
- c) The rapid housing assistance head leasing program is designed to be a medium-term housing response to urgent housing needs. It is distinct from social housing, which is a longer-term response. Allocations into the rapid housing assistance head leasing program were referred from family violence agencies rather than from the public housing waitlist, which is intended for those with a long-term housing need.
- d-e) Information covering the profile of households assisted through the rapid housing assistance head leasing program is not held by DPC or DHHS.
- f) People seeking housing assistance are connected to agencies that provide a range of complementary services and supports appropriate to their needs. Specific information on the range of supports and services provided to tenants of head lease properties is not readily available to DPC or DHHS.

Additional information

The five funding streams under the \$152 million Family Violence Housing Blitz package are:

- 1. \$16 million in 2016–17 to support people to access and sustain private rental accommodation
- 2. \$50.24 million for rapid housing assistance comprising:
 - \$48.8 million allocated to the acquisition program to spot purchase properties
 - \$1.44 million allocated to the head leasing program (\$0.4 million in 2015-16 and \$1 million in 2016-17)
- 3. \$25 million over two years for accommodation for the homeless
- 4. \$21 million over two years to begin redeveloping four existing refuges to the new core and cluster model
- 5. \$40 million over two years to provide flexible tailored responses that meet the individual needs of victims of family violence, including support to stay safe at home.

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25. In relation to the Latrobe Valley Authority, provide a breakdown of:

- a) the administrative budget
- b) the staff numbers, including a breakdown of the executive versus officer-level staff
- c) salaries and non-salary expenses.

(Asked by Mr O'Brien, pages 38–39 of the Department of Premier and Cabinet portfolio transcript)

Response:

The Latrobe Valley Authority has been provided with \$20 million in setup and operating funding to 30 June 2020.

a) Administrative Budget Financial Year 2017–18:

Latrobe Valley Authority Administrative Budget	
	\$
• Total Salaries and On-costs	4,368,850
• Other Operating Expenses	
– Consultants, Contractors and other Professional Services	137,294
– Other Discretionary Expenses	
o Travel and Accommodation	4,360
o Office requisites	19,082
o Information Technology and Communication	48,960
o Trainees	70,000
o Marketing and Promotion	70,000
o Motor Vehicles	44,150
o Stage 1 Refurbishment, Morwell Office	115,304
– Other Non-Discretionary Expenses	
o Other supplies and services	18,000
o Outsourced services	12,000
o Accommodation, rent and property services	95,000
Grand Total	5,003,000

- b) Staff numbers, including executive and officer level staff:
 At 28 February 2018, Latrobe Valley Authority employed 35.5 FTE staff members, comprising five executive-level positions and the remaining 30.5 positions being officer-level.
- c) Salaries and non-salary expenses:
 To February 2018, the Latrobe Valley Authority has expended \$5.78 million of its \$20 million operating expenses allocation. This comprises expenditure of \$1.42 million in non-salary expenses and \$4.36 million in salary expenses, including payroll, on-costs and superannuation for staff.