

## Responses to Questions on Notice or further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings

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**Nicholas McGOWAN:** Thank you. Secretary, I refer to budget paper 3, page 206, the performance measure total accommodation costs. I note the accommodation cost is given to a cost per square metre per year. Secretary, what was the size of the public service accommodation footprint in square metres in 2021–22, and what is it anticipated to be as at 30 June 2023?

**Danny PEARSON:** Just for clarification, Deputy Chair, is this within the CBD, is this across Victoria? Can you be a bit more precise? Or are you talking about what is covered by the CAMS?

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** This is the total figure, so it is the total public service accommodation footprint. Page 206, if it assists.

**Jo de MORTON:** Yes, I am not sure if we have got the total square metres. The workspace utilisation is 11.8 square metres per FTE, in line with a target of 12 square metres per FTE. Have we got the total –

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** We do not for 2022–23, but it was 1,105,958 square metres – the total portfolio – the previous year.

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** Total portfolio, okay. And do you have a differential for the metro area?

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** Not with me.

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** CBD?

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** No, I do not, not with me.

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** **Could you take both those questions on notice, please?** Thank you very much. **Do you know what was the total cost of the accommodation in 2021, and what it is expected or anticipated to be at the end of 30 June this year, so in 2023?**

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** I have the square metre cost but not the total cost.

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** Could you take that on notice, please?

### Question

What was the total cost of the accommodation in 2021, and what it is expected or anticipated to be at the end of 30 June?

### Answer

- Total actual Accommodation cost for 2021-2022 is \$477,192,112
- Total estimated Accommodation cost for 2022-2023 is \$467,582,794

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**Nicholas McGOWAN:** So how much money did you spend [on Suburban Hubs], Minister, to this effect? Of the \$20 million, how much has been spent?

**Danny PEARSON:** Look, I will check and see whether Ms Porthouse would have some advice on this, but bear in mind –

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** Ms Porthouse, would you mind answering that question?

**Danny PEARSON:** But bear in mind, what I will say, Deputy Chair, is that at that point in time we needed to keep our options open because we did not know –

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** I respect that, Minister. So, Ms Porthouse, can you answer that question?

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** The Victorian public service commission is responsible for the SPC – sorry, for the suburban hub – so I am not familiar with exactly how much has been spent of that money. What I can say is that the SPC – why do I keep saying SPC? Sorry. The suburban hubs were set up to assist people in certain areas where we knew there was a high population of Victorian public servants in those areas, and they were close to public transport facilities et cetera. They have been under-utilised. Those staff that have used them, and they were meant to augment –

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** So they were established?

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** They were established, yes.

**Nicholas McGOWAN:** Can you come back to the committee in terms of the costs, because that was the question.

**Gayle PORTHOUSE:** I will come back to you in terms of the costs

## Question

How much was spent on the Suburban Hubs?

## Answer

- By June 2023, the Suburban Hubs trial will have expended approximately \$18,253,781.