

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION

Question on Notice

Question 1

Danny O'BRIEN: Okay. How much of the \$44.5 million in the budget this year will actually go to establishing an office in Morwell, Mr Miller?

Chris MILLER: I will have to take that question on notice. The budget that has been allocated really is designed to cover a whole range of different costs, including staffing, securing accommodation and retention of experts, but I would have to take that question on notice.

Answer:

\$44.5 million in funding over two years has been allocated to prepare the SEC for its new role in our energy market, including setting up a presence in Morwell and Melbourne. The funding covers a range of different costs, including staffing, securing accommodation and retention of experts, however, there is no specific allocation to Morwell.

The State Electricity Commission (SEC) Implementation Office has already secured space in Morwell and is currently in the process of hiring staff who will be located there. All SEC roles are advertised as being able to be based in Morwell or Melbourne. The SEC's footprint will ultimately be informed by the organisational strategy and the SEC's investment portfolio, both of which are currently under development.