

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION  
AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARING – 15 MAY 2018**

**The Hon Daniel Andrews MP**

**PREMIER'S PORTFOLIO**

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- 1. Please advise the number of people (in terms of headcount) who:**
- a. work for the Premier's office as at 15 May 2018
  - b. are expected to work for the Premier's office as at 30 June 2018.
- (Asked by Mr Morris, pages 6–7 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

- a) All ministerial staff are employed by the Premier and are allocated across ministerial offices. The number of staff charged to the Premier's Private Office cost centre varies from month to month reflecting staff movements. In May 2018, 63 staff were assigned to work in the Premier's office exclusively. Other staff assist the Premier and ministers across the range of ministerial portfolios.
  - b) The projected numbers for June 2018 are not expected to differ from the May 2018 figures.
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- 2. How much were the security upgrades to Level 1, 1 Treasury Place expected to cost?**
- (Asked by Mr Morris, page 8 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The contract *DPC Fitout for Level 13, 1 Macarthur Street and Level 1, 1 Treasury Place*, as published on Tenders VIC, has a total value of \$2,758,617.00. Of that amount \$1,174,989 has been allocated for security upgrades to Level 1, 1 Treasury Place.

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- 3. Please provide details of the sponsored social media spend so far for 2017–18 for each DPC agency and the reporting statements from Facebook for each advertisement.**

*(Asked by Mr Smith, page 9 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

To date, no sponsored social media spend has been reported for DPC agencies in 2017–18.

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- 4. Please provide the social media spend for DPC so far in 2017–18 and the reporting statements from Facebook for each advertising campaign.**

*(Asked by Mr Smith, page 9 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

DPC's advertising activity will be reported in the usual way in both the department's Annual Report and in the WoG Annual Advertising report.

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**5. For each project related to climate change in the Budget, please describe the initiative.**

*(Asked by Ms Pennicuik, pages 9–10 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The 2018/19 Victorian Budget allocates \$5.9 million to build on previous investments on climate change action in Victoria. This includes:

- supporting the preparation of sector mitigation pledges for the electricity, industry, built environment, transport, agriculture and land sectors by 1 August 2020
- fostering partnerships for action on climate change including the Under2MOU
- preparing the Barwon region for climate change by identifying vulnerable locations and assets to inform future investment and adaptation plans.

In addition, the budget allocates \$4.0 million to support the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre to train workers for careers in specialised environmentally sustainable plumbing.

**6. What progress has been made towards meeting the emissions target in relation to climate change?**

*(Asked by Ms Pennicuik, pages 9–10 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The *Climate Change Act 2017* (the Act) provides a legislative foundation to achieve our target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Act requires five-yearly interim emission reduction targets.

In October 2017, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change appointed an Independent Expert Panel to provide advice on setting the first interim targets for 2021–2025 and 2026–2030. The Panel will provide its advice in February 2019.

Action is already underway to reduce Victoria's emissions. In January 2017 we announced an ambitious and achievable target to reach 15 to 20 per cent emissions reductions below 2005 levels by 2020.

The Victorian Government is also taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the office-based operations of government departments by 30 per cent below 2015 levels by 2020.

**7. Please describe the series of outcomes that are to be delivered from the 'Gender Equality Budget Statement', Respect Victoria and the \$12 million that has been allocated.**

*(Asked by Ms Patten, page 18 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

Gender equality is a central component of Victoria's prevention of family violence activity.

The second Gender Equality Budget Statement, released in May 2018, is one of many reforms included in *Safe and Strong: A Victorian Gender Equality Strategy (Safe and Strong)*, Victoria's first Gender Equality Strategy.

*Safe and Strong* outlines the various gender equality domains and outcomes in the Victorian Gender Equality Strategy Outcomes Framework, as provided below (page 33):

Domains	Outcomes
Victorians live free from gendered norms, stereotypes, and expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation in learning, education, the economy and society is not limited by gender.</li> <li>2. Victorians are rewarded equitably for their contribution in all aspects of society.</li> <li>3. Victorians do not tolerate attitudes and behaviours that support</li> </ol>

	gender inequality.
Victorians are empowered, healthy, safe and strong	<p>4. All Victorians are visible, have an equal voice and occupy decision making roles not only at work, but in communities, sport, media and the arts.</p> <p>5. All Victorians are safe in their homes, communities and workplaces.</p> <p>6. All Victorians are socially connected and healthy.</p>
As Victorians we value and champion gender equality	<p>7. Victorians model and promote a commitment to gender equality.</p> <p>8. All Victorians benefit equitably from the enjoyment and empowerment of sport.</p>
The Victorian Government is a leader on gender equality	<p>9. Gender equality is embedded in all Victorian Government decisions and actions.</p> <p>10. The Victorian Government models gender equality best practice in the workplace.</p>

*Safe and Strong* breaks these down further into indicators and targets (*Safe and Strong*, page 34). Work is continuing to finalise the targets for the Gender Equality Strategy Outcomes Framework.

### Respect Victoria

The 2017/18 Victorian Budget allocated \$12 million over four years to establish a family violence prevention agency, Respect Victoria. This funding will be used for establishment and ongoing operational costs of the Agency. A further \$24 million over four years was allocated in the 2018/19 Victorian Budget to support behaviour change campaigns and initiatives in *Free from Violence: Victoria's strategy to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women (Free from Violence)*, such as prevention initiatives targeting workplaces, diverse communities, adults, adolescents and older people.

The intended powers and functions of Respect Victoria, include:

- providing advice to the Minister on the funding of programs
- developing a framework for the monitoring of trends in family violence and violence against women and the outcomes of programs
- making grants, on the approval of the Minister, to organisations to fund the carrying out of programs that promote the guiding principles
- assessing and endorsing programs carried out by organisations to promote the guiding principles
- providing advice to organisations and Government to ensure the prevention of family violence and violence against women is implemented across the Government and the community
- promoting the development of programs by organisations by providing advice, information and support to organisations regarding the prevention of family violence and violence against women
- monitoring programs carried out by organisations, to ensure programs are promoting and implementing the guiding principles
- undertaking research and disseminating that research in relation to:
  - the suitability of particular programs
  - the giving of advice to the Government on the funding of programs
  - providing guidance to organisations
- providing advice to the Minister to assist in the development of policy and decision-making, in relation to the prevention of family violence and violence against women
- promoting awareness in the community of programs, activities and campaigns that achieve the guiding principles
- reporting to the Minister on the progress of prevention of family violence and violence against women
- performing any other prescribed functions consistent with the guiding principles.

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8. Please provide a breakdown of the \$705 million expenditure for mental health initiatives that will be for the prison system.

*(Asked by Ms Patten, pages 19, 32 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The \$705 million for mental health initiatives invests in more support for the broader community, which includes people with mental health and alcohol and other drug issues on community correction orders. This funding will provide them with greater access to the treatment and support they need.

The 2018/19 Victorian Budget also allocated \$144.6 million over four years to strengthen the youth justice system. This includes initiatives to support young people in custody, such as:

- providing additional primary health and primary mental health services in youth justice centres to support the health and rehabilitation needs of young people
- delivering additional culturally targeted programs for Koori young people to reduce overrepresentation in the youth justice system, such as an Elder support program to link young Aboriginal people in custody with respected role models and mentors from their own communities.

In addition, the 2018/19 Victorian Budget provides \$4.2 million in output funding over three years to reduce reoffending. This includes the continuation of the Out of the Dark family violence recovery program and family violence specialist trauma counselling in women's prisons to progress recommendation 184 of the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

These investments build on the \$85.2 million provided in the 2017/18 Victorian Budget, which included funding to expand the capacity of Thomas Embling Hospital and provide specialist forensic mental health support for young people.

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9. Please advise 'the date of that prior meeting that you have just confirmed' [meeting between the Premier and Peter Marshall].

*(Asked by Mr O'Brien, pages 24–25 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The date of the meeting is a matter of public record.

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10. How has the Government in the current budget made allowance for the CFA and MFB EBAs?

*(Asked by Mr O'Brien, pages 24–25 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The current budget and forward estimates reflect the full estimated cost of the CFA and MFB EBAs.

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11. Why is Transport Victoria not preparing an integrated transport plan for Victoria, as required by the Transport Integration Act?

*(Asked by Ms Pennicuik, pages 25–26 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

Transport for Victoria (TfV) is undertaking ongoing state-wide, integrated transport planning.

Planning work considers the significant current investment in the network and looks to build on this investment while optimising the performance of current assets.

Stakeholder engagement programs are ongoing.

In the meantime, the outputs of this planning and stakeholder engagement are informing potential future investments such as the Airport and Regional Rail Program.

**12. With respect to the \$2.077 billion expected from the sale of the Snowy Hydro Scheme:**

**a. How much will go to regional Victoria?**

**b. How does that compare with the former government's investment across regional Victoria?**

*(Asked by Ms Shing, pages 26–27 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

\$1.158 billion of the proceeds from the sale of Victoria's share of the Snowy Hydro Scheme will go to regional Victoria. This is made up of:

- \$100 million for the Fixing Country Roads program
- \$168 million for regional road restoration and maintenance
- \$313 million for Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade
- \$462 million to expand and redevelop Ballarat Base Hospital
- \$115 million to expand Wonthaggi Hospital.

The previous government spent an estimated \$7.21 billion in regional Victoria, compared to the current government's \$13.57 billion.

**13. Please explain how the country roads and bridges program compares with the \$100 million local government community roads program and the funding allocated in this year's Budget.**

*(Asked by Ms Shing, pages 28–29 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

The former government's *Country Roads and Bridges Program* handed cheques to local governments with no accountability or requirement to demonstrate value.

In contrast, our \$100 million *Fixing Country Roads* fund increases the annual allocation to fixing country roads as well as ensures that local drivers benefit from every dollar spent.

In addition, we have established Regional Roads Victoria (RRV), a regional VicRoads focussed division based in Ballarat which will upgrade regional and rural roads.

In total, our Government allocated \$941 million from the 2018/19 Victorian Budget for the regional and rural road network. RRV's initial focus will be the \$433 million for road maintenance, including resurfacing and rehabilitation works.

\$229 million will be provided to continue the *Towards Zero Road Safety Action Plan*, which will provide additional overtaking lanes, rumble strips and intersections upgrades.

A further \$25 million has been provided to the Local Roads to Market program through the Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund to upgrade local roads and bridges along key agricultural freight routes.

- 14. With reference to the \$2.4 million for the injecting centre in Richmond, how much will be for the interim versus the permanent facility?**

*(Asked by Mr Morris, page 36 of the Premier's portfolio transcript)*

**Response:**

Exact breakdowns of the various cost components, including design, construction and fit out of the transitional and permanent facilities have not yet been finalised.

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