



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

2013-14 AND 2014-15 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE

VICROADS (ROADS CORPORATION)

SECTION A: Output variances and program outcomes***Question 1 (departments only)***

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 2 (departments only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 3 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

SECTION B: Asset investment (departments only)***Question 4***

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 5

This question does not apply to your agency.

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This question does not apply to your agency.

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This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 8

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 9 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

SECTION B: Asset investment (non-departments only)**Question 10 –**

Please provide the following details for any asset investment project where actual expenditure in 2013-14 or 2014-15 varied by \$±10 million or more from the initial budget estimate at the start of the relevant year (**not** the revised estimate).

If there were no asset investment projects for your agency where the actual expenditure varied by \$±10 million or more from the budget estimate, you do not need to answer this question. If this is the case, please indicate ‘no relevant projects’ in the table(s) below.

(a) in 2013-14

| Project | Estimated expenditure in 2013-14 (2013-14 budget papers) (\$ million) | Actual expenditure in 2013-14 (\$ million) | Explanation for variance | Estimated financial completion date in 2013-14 budget papers | Estimated financial completion date in 2014-15 budget papers | Explanation for any changes to the estimated financial completion date |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Metropolitan grade separations: Mitcham/Rooks Road and Springvale Road | 282.5 | 242.0 | Variance was due to project savings | mid 2017 | Complete | Project completed ahead of schedule |
| VicRoads registration and licensing system (statewide) | 51.2 | 26.2 | Variance was due to project being paused during 2013-14. The project has been subsequently discontinued. | mid 2014 | tbc | Variance was due to project being paused during 2013-14. The project has been subsequently discontinued. |
| M80 upgrade (metro various) | 37.5 | 13.0 | Variance due to alignment of State/Commonwealth funding. | mid 2015 | qtr 2 2014-15 | The 2013-14 Budget Paper date reflects financial completion, where as the 2014-15 Budget Paper date reflects practical completion. |
| Ballarat Western Link Road (Ballarat) | 22.9 | 3.1 | Variance due to delays gaining project approvals. | mid 2015 | qtr 4 2014-15 | N/A |
| Princes Highway West - Stage 1 Waurm Ponds to Winchelsea (non-metro various) | 17.7 | 0.0 | Variance was due to alignment of State/Commonwealth funding. | mid 2014 | qtr 4 2014-15 | The 2013-14 Budget Paper date reflects financial completion, where as the 2014-15 Budget Paper date reflects practical completion. |

| Project | Estimated expenditure in 2013-14 (2013-14 budget papers) (\$ million) | Actual expenditure in 2013-14 (\$ million) | Explanation for variance | Estimated financial completion date in 2013-14 budget papers | Estimated financial completion date in 2014-15 budget papers | Explanation for any changes to the estimated financial completion date |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| Metro level crossing blitz program (metro various) | 23.1 | 8.4 | Variance due to delays in some preconstruction activities and deferral of the stabling facility decommissioning. | mid 2015 | qtr 4 2014-15 | N/A |
| Koo Wee Rup Bypass (Koo Wee Rup) | 11.1 | 24.2 | Variance due to acceleration of project works by contractor. | mid 2017 | qtr 2 2015-16 | The 2013-14 Budget Paper date reflects financial completion, where as the 2014-15 Budget Paper date reflects practical completion. |
| M80 upgrade - stage 1B Western Highway to Sunshine Avenue (metro various) | 19.3 | 36.3 | Variance due to acceleration of project works by contractor. | mid 2015 | Complete | N/A |
| Princes Highway West - Stage 1 Waurin Ponds to Winchelsea (non-metro various) | 12.3 | 30.1 | Variance was due to alignment of State/Commonwealth funding. | mid 2016 | qtr 4 2014-15 | The 2013-14 Budget Paper date reflects financial completion, where as the 2014-15 Budget Paper date reflects practical completion. |
| Western Highway duplication - Ballarat to Stawell (non-metro various) | 1.3 | 37.0 | Variance was due to alignment of State/Commonwealth funding . 2013-14 budget was subsequently revised to \$41.1m. This is consistent with the 2014-15 Budget Paper 4 publication. | mid 2016 | qtr 3 2015-16 | The 2013-14 Budget Paper date reflects financial completion, where as the 2014-15 Budget Paper date reflects practical completion. |

(b) in 2014-15

| Project | Estimated expenditure in 2014-15 (2014-15 budget papers) (\$ million) | Actual expenditure in 2014-15 (\$ million) | Explanation for variance | Estimated financial completion date in 2014-15 budget papers | Estimated financial completion date in 2015-16 budget papers | Explanation for any changes to the estimated financial completion date |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Metro Level Crossing Blitz program (metro various) | 37.9 | 19.3 | Variance due to pre-construction delays relating to various projects in this program, i.e. refinement of design and delays in selection of project options/sites. | qtr 4 2014-15 | qtr 4 2016-17 | 2014-15 publication only reflects planning and development works for 4 sites of level crossing removal and the 2015-16 publication reflects additional planning works required for an additional 6 sites. |
| Metro Level Crossing Blitz program - Blackburn Road level crossing removal (Blackburn)- Burke Road level crossing removal (Glen Iris)- North Road level crossing removal (Ormond) | 34.4 | 15.8 | Variance due to changes in the timing of project delivery, following the awarding of contracts and works originally planned as early works now included in main alliance contract. | qtr 4 2017-18 | qtr 4 2016-17 | Change in completion dates for level crossing removal projects due to reprioritisation of works package. |
| East Werribee Employment Precinct preliminary infrastructure (East Werribee) | 19.9 | 9.1 | Variance due to changes in the treatment of the project following machinery of government changes, with the project transferring to VicRoads for delivery. | qtr 2 2015-16 | qtr 2 2015-16 | N/A |

Question 11

Please detail the initial budget estimates (not the revised estimate) for 'purchases of non-financial assets' for 2013-14 and 2014-15 (or equivalent line items in the cash flow statements) for your entity, the actual amounts of those line item in your annual reports and an explanation for any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million.

| Initial budget estimate for 2013-14 (\$ million) | Actual for 2013-14 (\$ million) | Explanation for any variance greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million |
|---|--|---|
| 898.3 | 780.5 | Under expenditure due to the rescheduling of works in a number of projects including the Metropolitan Level Crossing development & early works project, the Ballarat Western Link Road project, and the Mitcham Road and Rook Road Rail Separation project. |

| Initial budget estimate for 2014-15 (\$ million) | Actual for 2014-15 (\$ million) | Explanation for any variance greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million |
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| 728.1 | 702.4 | Under expenditure due to the rescheduling of works in a number of projects including the Metropolitan Level Crossing development & early works project, the Ballarat Western Link Road project, and the North Road Level Crossing Removal project partly offset by acceleration in a number of projects. |

SECTION C: Revenue and appropriations

Question 12

Please explain any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million between the prior year's actual result and the actual result for 2013-14 and 2014-15 for each revenue/income category detailed in your operating statement. Please also indicate what any additional revenue was used for or how any reduced amounts of revenue impacted on service delivery.

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

If there were no revenue/income categories for your department/agency for which the 2013-14 and 2014-15 expenditure varied from the prior year's expenditure by more than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million, you do not need to answer this question. If this is the case, please indicate 'no relevant line items' in the table(s) below.

| Revenue category | 2012-13 actual (\$ million) | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Grants | 4.8 | 16.4 | Short term program grants (DTPLI), PenLink, Ringwood Station, EW Trail, NHVS | Delivery of funded programs |
| External works | 51.4 | 60.9 | Additional works undertaken on a fee for service basis | |
| Recoveries | 37.8 | 28.7 | Reduce insurance claims for fire and flood damage to VicRoads infrastructure | Repairs to flood damaged infrastructure |

| Revenue category | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | 2014-15 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Grants | 16.4 | 46.2 | Increases in program grants from DEDJTR (15.7) National Heavy Vehicle grants (14.1) | Additional programs of works/ Improvements to National Heavy Vehicle register |
| External works | 60.9 | 49.4 | Reduced work undertaken for private enterprise (16.0), increased work undertaken for LGAs (4.8) | |

| Revenue category | 2013-14 actual | 2014-15 actual | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | How the additional revenue was used/the impact of reduced revenue |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|--|---|
| Recoveries | 28.7 | 18.1 | Reduce insurance claims for fire and flood damage to VicRoads infrastructure | No impact as the reduced revenue corresponds with lower expenditure on loss incurred during insurable events such as flood and fire |

Question 13

Please explain any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million between the initial budget estimate (**not** the revised estimate) and the actual result for 2013-14 and 2014-15 for each revenue/income category detailed in your operating statement. Please also identify any actions taken in response to the variations, either to mitigate or take advantage of the impact.

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

If there were no revenue/income categories for your department/agency for which the 2013-14 and 2014-15 expenditure varied from the initial budget estimate by more than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million, you do not need to answer this question. If this is the case, please indicate 'no relevant line items' in the table(s) below.

| Revenue category | 2013-14 budget estimate (\$ million) | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Actions taken in response |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Transport Accident Commission Grants | 110.6 | 85.4 | Under expenditure due principally to the timing of approval of new projects and rescheduling of works in projects in the Safer System Road Infrastructure Program. | Nil |
| Fair value of assets received free of charge | 0 | 8.9 | Road and Earthworks received free of charge. | Nil |
| Other revenue | 117.9 | 163.4 | Higher than planned value of works undertaken on a fee for service basis and additional insurance recoveries. | Nil |

| Revenue category | 2014-15 budget estimate (\$ million) | 2014-15 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Actions taken in response |
|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Transport Accident Commission Grants | 128.1 | 105.6 | Under expenditure due principally to the timing of approval of new projects and rescheduling of works in projects in the Safer System Road Infrastructure Program. | Nil |
| Fair value of assets received free of charge | 0 | 15.3 | Road and Earthworks received free of charge. | Nil |
| Other revenue | 141.1 | 174.9 | Higher than planned value of works undertaken on a fee for service basis and additional insurance recoveries. | Nil |

Question 14 (departments only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 15 (departments only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 16

Regarding the trust accounts listed in the ‘trust account balances’ note to the financial statements in your entity’s annual report, please identify any accounts from which payments were passed directly to other bodies without being counted in your entity’s comprehensive operating statement. For each relevant account, please identify:

- (a) the value of payments;
- (b) the recipients of the payments; and
- (c) the purpose of the payments.

| Trust account | Total payments from the account to bodies other than the Department, 2013-14 (\$ million) | Recipient of the payment | Purpose of the payment |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| N/A | | | |
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| Trust account | Total payments from the account to bodies other than the Department, 2014-15 (\$ million) | Recipient of the payment | Purpose of the payment |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| N/A | | | |
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SECTION D: Expenses

Question 17

Please explain any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million between the prior year's actual result and the actual result for 2013-14 and 2014-15 for each category of expenses detailed in your operating statement. Please also detail the outcomes in the community¹ achieved by any additional expenses or the impact on the community of reduced expenses (if there was no impact, please explain how that was achieved).

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

| Expenses category | 2012-13 actual (\$ million) | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Employee benefits | 251.5 | 225.3 | Variation consistent with restructuring of staffing requirements and reducing costs in line with the Sustainable Government Initiative and Labour Sustainability Cap. | Consistent with reduction pertaining to the Sustainable Government Initiative and Labour Sustainability Cap. |
| Depreciation | 545.4 | 562.8 | N/A | |
| Supplies and Services | 509.9 | 560.4 | N/A | Delivery of approved program. |
| Grants and other transfers | 69.4 | 89.0 | Grants to National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. | Victorian support for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) which now administers one set of laws for heavy vehicles under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). |
| Capital asset charge | 49.8 | 49.8 | N/A | |

¹ That is, the impact of service delivery on the community rather than a description of the services delivered.

| Expenses category | 2012-13 actual | 2013-14 actual | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses |
|--|----------------|----------------|---|---|
| Fair value of assets transferred to other entities | 73.1 | 1.7 | In 2013, expenses in relation to (i) revised declarations, with a series of arterial roads declared municipal roads, and (ii) enhancements to council assets in connection with VicRoads capital works. | |
| Total expenses from transactions | 1,499.1 | 1,489.0 | N/A | |

| Expenses category | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | 2014-15 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Employee benefits | 225.3 | 210.2 | N/A | |
| Depreciation | 562.8 | 576.7 | N/A | |
| Interest expense | 0.0 | 14.9 | First year managing leased road infrastructure previously recognised by the Linking Melbourne Authority (LMA) | Uninterrupted and toll free community access to the Peninsula Link / with net impact to State's accounts as this is an allocation from LMA. |
| Supplies and Services | 560.4 | 632.5 | Payments to contractors and suppliers based on approved VicRoads Program. | Delivery of approved programs. |
| Capital asset charge | 49.8 | 49.8 | N/A | |
| Grants and other Transfers | 89.0 | 94.2 | N/A | |
| Fair value of assets transferred to other entities | 1.7 | 10.9 | Net transfer of Peninsula Link assets from Linking Melbourne Authority (LMA) to VicRoads. | |

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| Total expenses from transactions | 1,489.0 | 1,589.2 | N/A | |
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Question 18

Please explain any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million between the initial budget estimate (**not** the revised budget) and the actual result for 2013-14 and 2014-15 for each category of expenses detailed in your operating statement. Please also detail the outcomes in the community² achieved by any additional expenses or the impact on the community of reduced expenses (if there was no impact, please explain how that was achieved).

For departments, please provide data consolidated on the same basis as the budget portfolios outcomes statement in your annual reports.

| Expenses category | 2013-14 budget estimate (\$ million) | 2013-14 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Grants and other transfers | 69.2 | 89.0 | Grants to National Heavy Vehicle Regulator | Victorian support for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) which now administers one set of laws for heavy vehicles under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). |

| Expenses category | 2014-15 budget estimate (\$ million) | 2014-15 actual (\$ million) | Explanations for variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million | Outcomes achieved by additional expenses/impact of reduced expenses |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Grants and other transfers | 67.8 | 94.2 | Grants to National Heavy Vehicle Regulator | Victorian support for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) which now administers one set of laws for heavy vehicles under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). |

² That is, the impact of service delivery on the community rather than a description of the services delivered.

Question 19 (departments only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 20

Please detail any changes to your department's/agency's service delivery as a result of expenditure reduction initiatives, e.g. changes to the timing and scope of specific programs or discontinued programs:

(a) in 2013-14

Services are delivered in line with initiatives outlined in the State Budget each year.

(b) in 2014-15

Services are delivered in line with initiatives outlined in the State Budget each year.

Question 21 (departments only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 22 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 23 (PNFC and PFC entities only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

SECTION E: Public sector workforce

Question 24

Please detail the total full-time equivalent number of staff in your department/agency as at 30 June 2013, 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2015 in each of the following bands of levels, and explain the changes:

| Level | Total FTE (30 June 2013) | Total FTE (30 June 2014) | Total FTE (30 June 2015) | Explanation for changes |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| VPS Grades 1-3 | 1,239 | 1,162 | 1,128 | Consistent with reduction pertaining to the Sustainable Government Initiative and Labour Sustainability Cap |
| VPS Grade 4 | 679 | 674 | 679 | N/A |
| VPS Grades 5-6 and STS | 537 | 531 | 534 | N/A |
| EO | 65 | 56 | 48 | Consistent with reduction pertaining to the Sustainable Government Initiative and Labour Sustainability Cap |
| Other | - | - | - | |
| Total of all staff (including non-VPS grades)* | 2,520 | 2,423 | 2,389 | Consistent with reduction pertaining to the Sustainable Government Initiative and Labour Sustainability Cap |

NB: Excludes staff on Leave without Pay and includes fixed term employees

Question 25

In the table below, please detail the salary costs for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, broken down by ongoing, fixed-term and casual, and explain any variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million between the years for each category.

| Employment category | Gross salary 2012-13 (\$ million) | Gross salary 2013-14 (\$ million) | Gross salary 2014-15 (\$ million) | Explanation for any year-on-year variances greater than ± 10 per cent or \$100 million |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Ongoing | 252.9 | 217.8 | 218.4 | Explanation for changes from 2012-13 to 2013-14 Variation consistent with restructuring of staffing requirements and reducing cost. |
| Fixed-term | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.4 | Explanation for changes from 2012-13 to 2013-14 Variation consistent with restructuring of staffing requirements and reducing costs. Explanation for changes from 2013-14 to 2014-15 An increase in fixed-term opportunities being advertised externally to enable flexibility and reduce agency cost. |
| Casual | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | Explanation for changes from 2012-13 to 2013-14 Completion of casual employment arrangement. |
| Total | 254.4 | 218.2 | 219.8 | |

Question 26

Please detail the number of executives who received increases in their base remuneration in 2013-14 and 2014-15, breaking that information down according to what proportion of their salary the increase was, and explaining the reasons for executives' salaries increasing in each bracket.

| Increase in base remuneration | Number of executives receiving increases in their base rate of remuneration of this amount in 2013-14 | Reasons for these increases |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 0-3 per cent | 63 | Performance Review Annual Adjustment to Executive Remuneration |
| 3-5 per cent | | |
| 5-10 per cent | | |
| 10-15 per cent | | |
| greater than 15 per cent | 1 | Promotion |

| Increase in base remuneration | Number of executives receiving increases in their base rate of remuneration of this amount in 2014-15 | Reasons for these increases |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 0-3 per cent | 46 | Performance Review Annual Adjustment to Executive Remuneration Promotion Increased Responsibilities |
| 3-5 per cent | 2 | Performance Review Promotion |

| Increase in base remuneration | Number of executives receiving increases in their base rate of remuneration of this amount in 2014-15 | Reasons for these increases |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 5-10 per cent | 3 | Performance Review Promotion |
| 10-15 per cent | | |
| greater than 15 per cent | 1 | Promotion |

SECTION F: Inter-sector flows

Question 27 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

SECTION G: Government decisions impacting on the finances

Question 28

- (a) Please detail any costs incurred during 2014-15 in the following categories as a result of machinery-of-government changes:

Not applicable

- (b) If these costs were met out of existing budgets, please indicate what projects, programs or areas the money was originally budgeted for.

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- (c) Please identify any benefits achieved during 2014-15 as a result of machinery-of-government changes, quantifying the benefits where possible.

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Question 29

Please identify any Commonwealth Government decisions during 2013-14 or 2014-15 which had not been anticipated in the State budget but which impacted on your entity’s finances or activities during those years (including new funding agreements, discontinued agreements and changes to funding levels). Please quantify the impact on income and expenses where possible.

| Commonwealth Government decision | Impact in 2013-14 | | Impact in 2014-15 | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | on income (\$ million) | on expenses (\$ million) | on income (\$ million) | on expenses (\$ million) |
| Refer to DTPLI/DEDJTR Response | | | | |

Question 30

Please identify any COAG decisions during 2013-14 or 2014-15 which had not been anticipated in the State budget but which impacted on your entity’s finances or activities during those years (including new funding agreements, discontinued agreements and changes to agreements). Please quantify the impact on income and expenses where possible.

| COAG decision | Impact in 2013-14 | | Impact in 2014-15 | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | on income (\$ million) | on expenses (\$ million) | on income (\$ million) | on expenses (\$ million) |
| Refer to DTPLI/DEDJTR Response | | | | |

SECTION H: Fiscal and financial management strategies (Department of Treasury and Finance only)***Question 31***

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 32

This question does not apply to your agency.

SECTION I: Economic environment***Question 33 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)***

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 34 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 35 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 36 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

This question does not apply to your agency.

Question 37

Please identify any key economic variables for which there were variances in 2013-14 and 2014-15 between what was estimated in the initial budget for each year (not the revised estimate) and what actually occurred which had a significant impact on your department's/agency's finances, service delivery or asset investment. For each variance, please indicate:

- (a) what had been expected at budget time
- (b) what actually occurred
- (c) how the variance impacted on the budget outcomes (quantifying the impact where possible)
- (d) what decisions were made in response (including changes to service delivery, asset investment, borrowings etc.).

| Expected economic result in 2013-14 | Actual result in 2013-14 | Impact of the variance on budget outcomes | Decisions made in response |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | Economic variables did not significantly impact on VicRoads' finances, service delivery or asset investment | |

| Expected economic result in 2014-15 | Actual result in 2014-15 | Impact of the variance on budget outcomes | Impact of the variance on service delivery |
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SECTION J: Previous recommendations**Question 38 (departments only)**

This question does not apply to your agency.