

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: RICHARD WELCH

Question: [In relation to the *Emergency Management Capability Output* (BP3, p158)] ...how much of this is allocated to [the Natural Disaster Recovery] portfolio [specifically, to Emergency Recovery Victoria]?

Reply:

The Emergency Management Capability output cost in the 2025-26 Budget (BP3 p153 and DPS p99) includes \$29 million for Victoria's emergency management capability providers, including Emergency Recovery Victoria.

In addition to this, funding to support disaster recovery is allocated to other Victorian Government agencies and departments that are responsible for delivering recovery activities and initiatives.



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Question: What is the number of employees under Emergency Recovery Victoria?

Reply:

Emergency Recovery Victoria currently employs approximately 92 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees.

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Question: Have the numbers increased or decreased since 2022?

Reply:

Following Emergency Recovery Victoria's establishment, in 2022-23 there was broader departmental change that saw core enabling functions in communications, data and technology centralised to support both Emergency Recovery Victoria and Emergency Management Victoria.

Additional operational resources are brought into ERV to support event-based initiatives as required either through new government funding or as surge support from within the Victorian Public Service. As a result, Emergency Recovery Victoria resources will always expand and contract to manage the demand for recovery support across the state.



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Question: Has all the \$300m allocated across government for the recovery expenditure from various natural disasters (mentioned last year) been spent?

Reply:

This funding is supporting the delivery of 96 programs, of which 23 will continue into the next financial year. As is standing practice by government, funding is allocated to relevant portfolios and administered by the relevant department and minister.



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