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Inquiry:	2025/26 Budget Estimates
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Witness:	Tracey Slatter
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Question:

Output item in budget paper for funding of the Road Safety Action Plan 2. \$17 million for next year. Footnote indicates there is \$172.5 million of output funding in the plan, so why is none of this allocated for the out years?

Answer:

In the 2025-26 Budget, both the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) received funding for **Road Safety Action Plan 2**.

The \$172.568 million output funding is made up of \$17.000 million for DTP and \$155.568 million for DJCS:

- **\$17.000 million** for DTP in 2025-26 per Budget Paper 3 Chapter 1 page 83; and
- **\$155.568 million** for DJCS per Table 1.18, Budget Paper 3 Chapter 1 page 70.

The funding is provided for a package of initiatives to deliver Road Safety Action Plan 2 under the Government's 10-year road safety strategy, including:

- installation of road safety barriers at high-risk locations on the rural road network and on high-movement urban roads;
- road safety infrastructure at priority rural intersections;
- construction of road safety infrastructure projects under the Commonwealth's Road Safety Program; and
- funding for DJCS to extend and expand the mobile phone and seat belt detection camera programs.

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Question:

How many potholes have been filled this financial year?

Answer:

As at 12 June 2025, the Department of Transport and Planning has repaired over 211,000 individual pavement issues, which most community members would classify as potholes.

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Question:

How many sections of road are there subject to a 'pavement in poor condition' management plan?

Answer:

159 individual sites across Victoria's arterial road network are currently managed under a pavement in poor condition plan. This is a significant reduction from 1,993km of road in the same category in the immediate aftermath of extreme weather events in 2022 and 2023.

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Question:

How many kilometres of road will be subject to roadside grading or drain clearing works in 2024-25?

Answer:

As at 12 June 2025, for the 2024-25 financial year, the Department of Transport and Planning has conducted over 1,000 kilometres of roadside shoulder grading, drain clearing and drain reshaping.

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Question:

Hayleys Gully Road and Arthurs Creek Road – is there state funding that could be directed to addressing the road conditions to this area to prevent hit and kill of wombats crossing?

Answer:

Preventing animal-related incidents on our roads is an ongoing challenge as wildlife can be unpredictable and enter our roads at any location at any time, regardless of roadside conditions. Motorists are encouraged to travel at safe speeds, leave plenty of space between them and the car in front, and take extra care when animals may be on the move, particularly at dawn and dusk.

Both Hayleys Gully Road and Arthurs Creek Road are local roads under the care and management of Nillumbik Shire Council. Matters relating to wildlife and road management should be directed to Council.

Also, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is responsible for the management of Victoria's wildlife, including developing and implementing wildlife welfare initiatives, and may be able to assist.

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Question:

Jade Benham: How many cameras bought and installed for \$155m?"

- Tracey Slatter: \$155m for cameras is outside of the \$239m.
- Jade Benham: So how many cameras being bought and installed?

Answer:

The Department of Justice and Community Services manages and operates the Road Safety Camera Program and is responsible for the purchase and installation of road safety cameras.