



Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into claims made through the Transport Accident Commission (TAC)

Hearing date: 10 June 2026

Question taken on notice

Directed to: Transport Accident Commission

Received date: 25 June 2026

1. **Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO, page 8**

Question Asked:

How many claimants are currently in dispute with TAC?

Lauren McKIRDY: I have not got that information to hand, but I can tell you –

Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO: I am happy for you to take it on notice.

Lauren McKIRDY: Absolutely.

Response:

The TAC makes more than 100,000 service decisions for around 43,000 clients each year, 95% of which are approvals.

As at 22 June 2026, 1,958 clients have an open dispute relating to a TAC claim decision. These include informal reviews, disputes, applications to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), and 458 Originating Motions (seeking leave to commence common law proceedings where the TAC has denied a serious injury certificate).

2. **Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO, page 8**

Question Asked:

How many TAC matters are currently before VCAT or the courts?

Lauren McKIRDY: Again I will have to take that one on notice.

Response:

Over 90% of impairment and common law lump sums are delivered and service decision disputes are resolved under the TAC Protocols, contributing to faster decision-making, earlier resolution, and fewer matters progressing to court, supporting both improved experience and better rehabilitation trajectories for TAC clients.

As at 22 June 2026, the TAC has 632 matters before VCAT and 740 matters before the courts relating to a common law claim.

3. **Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO, page 8**

Question Asked:

And how much of that went to sponsoring the grand prix?

Adam CUNNINGHAM: I do not have the grand prix figure at hand, but in terms of the total sponsorship program, it was \$11.8 million across 2024–25.

Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO: It would be great to get a breakdown. Are you happy to take that on notice?

Tracey SLATTER: Yes.

Adam CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

Response:

Investment in engagement with the community is a critical component of the TAC's efforts to reduce road trauma. The TAC partners with organisations to strategically promote road safety messages to target audiences through community-led avenues and voices and drive behaviour change.

The TAC's 2024-25 Annual Report refers to sponsorship investment tiers, with funded organisations listed by tier on pages 27 to 30, consistent with other Government departments and agencies.

The individual sponsorship figures for 2024-25 are outlined below.

Tier	Sponsored Organisation	2024-25 Amount
1	AFL Victoria	\$700,000
1	Melbourne Victory (Soccer)	\$436,000
1	Country Racing Victoria	\$425,000
1	Australian GP - Formula 1	\$400,000
1	Golf Australia	\$400,000
1	Bendigo Spirit (WNBL)	\$345,000
1	Australian Moto GP (Motorbikes)	\$325,000
2	Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race	\$212,500
2	Ability Festival	\$100,000
2	Surfing Victoria	\$100,000
2	Victorian Tourism Council	\$100,000
2	Cricket Victoria	\$50,000
2	Midsumma Festival	\$80,000
3	Deakin University Student Association (DUSA)	\$29,000
Geelong Region Sponsorships/contributions		
3	Cultura	\$20,000
3	Barwon Health Foundation	\$15,000
3	Give Where You Live	\$15,000
3	Geelong Chamber of Commerce	\$11,400
3	Royal Geelong Yacht Club	\$10,000

Tier	Sponsored Organisation	2024-25 Amount
3	Geelong Arts Centre	\$7,500
3	Active Geelong	\$5,000
3	Barwon Sports Academy	\$5,000
3	Geelong Connected Communities	\$5,000

4. Anasina GRAY-BARBERIO, page 15

Question Asked:

And then a chain of command – if they cannot make it, then it goes up. Is that something you can share with us that is not publicly available?

Tracey SLATTER: Yes, I think we could do that. I am not sure how helpful it would be, but we are happy to provide it.

The CHAIR: If you are happy to take it on notice and send it through later on, that would be great.

Tracey SLATTER: Yes.

Response:

The TAC Board has delegated its statutory functions and powers to the CEO, who has authorised TAC staff to make decisions on specific benefits and service types related to sections of the *Transport Accident Act 1986*, with conditions and limitations, as outlined in the TAC's Instrument of Authorisation and Financial Authorisation Policy.

A simplified version of these arrangements is provided below for the Committee's reference.

Figure:

Summary of TAC Statutory Delegations and Financial Authorisations

Position & Role	Cost
Authorised to make decisions on specific <i>Benefit</i> or <i>Service Type</i> , which relates to sections within the Transport Accident Act	Financial Authority aligned to thresholds (*specific benefit type or service may have a specific threshold and is specified in the Instrument of Authorisation and Financial Authorisation Policy)
Chief Executive Officer	< = \$5,000,000, or as specified*
Executive General Manager	< = \$1,000,000, or as specified*
General Manager	< = \$300,000, or as specified*
Senior Manager	< = \$300,000, or as specified*
Team Manager	< = \$50,000, or as specified*
Business Specialist	
Senior Advisors	
Claims Managers	
Claims Advisors	< = \$20,000, or as specified*
Advisors, Officers, Admin, and Coordinators	
System Controls and Monitoring	
Enable the TAC to manage misuse of the scheme, while monitoring performance.	