

Question on Notice

Portfolio:	Economic Growth
Witness:	Minister for Economic Growth
Committee Member:	Aiv Puglielli, Member for North-Eastern Metropolitan
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Relevant text:

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Is Invest Victoria actively seeking investment from any weapons manufacturers in Israel or anywhere else in the world?

Danni JARRETT: I would say that we look to support the defence sector in Victoria primarily to provide services and products to the Australian Defence Force, to the Commonwealth.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: So that is a yes, it sounds like?

Danni JARRETT: Not specifically targeted at Israeli defence companies. We look to support the defence supply chain in Victoria. We work with multinational companies that are already located in Victoria – multinational companies.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Thank you. I appreciate the response. Is this Invest Victoria office in Tel Aviv that you have mentioned working directly with Elbit Systems?

Danni JARRETT: Not that I am aware of at the moment, no.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Thank you. Could you outline to the committee with my remaining time how much money has been committed to the operation of that office in Tel Aviv?

Danni JARRETT: I do not have that figure at hand at the moment.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: You are welcome to take that on notice if that suits.

Answer:

The 2024-25 State Budget provided **\$7.3 million** over 2 years to maintain trade and investment facilities and services, including the Victorian Government Trade and Investment (VGTI) Network of 23 offices, which strengthen Victoria's international relationships and help deliver trade facilitation activities. (BP3 Pgs. 58, 63)