

# APPENDIX 3: RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

## Background

The responses provided in this Appendix were received after the tabling of the Committee's Report on the 2008-09 Budget Estimates – Part Two, on 12 June 2008.

## Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

### QUESTION 1.1

*Regarding original response to Q2.2 in the Questionnaire*

*In response to the asset investment projects for which capital expenditure is budgeted to occur in 2008-09, please provide a breakdown of the more significant projects in terms of expenditure that comprise the following previous budget commitments:*

**2007-08 Budget – Budgeted Expenditure in 2008-09**

**a) New schools \$34.2 million**

### Additional Information

A total of \$50 million was announced in 2007-08 for new schools in growth areas funded over two years (\$15.8 million in 2007-08 and **\$34.2 million** in 2008-09).

The *Victorian Schools Plan* committed to building 20 new schools in growth corridors. The \$50 million funding is provided for the construction or completion of seven new schools. These schools are:

Schools	TEI (\$m)
Berwick South Primary School	7.85
Caroline Springs College (Springside Campus)	7.85
Craigieburn North P-12	7.85
Laurimar Primary School	4.85
Pakenham Lakeside Primary School	7.85
Point Cook Senior Secondary College	6.85
Wyndham Vale P-12	6.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.00</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.1

**b) Regeneration \$66.23 million**

**Additional Information**

A total of \$93.31 million was announced in 2007-08 to commence implementation of eight regeneration projects funded over two years (\$27.08 million in 2007-08 and **\$66.23 million** in 2008-09).

A regeneration project is a planned response by a group of schools, their communities, early childhood service providers and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to enhance education in a local area.

The eight regeneration projects commenced in 2007-08 are:

<b>Regeneration Projects</b>	<b>TEI (\$m)</b>
Altona/Bayside Regeneration	12.46
Bendigo Education Plan	20.00
Broadmeadows Regeneration	21.82
Colac Regeneration	5.00
Dandenong Regeneration	9.97
Laverton Regeneration	5.66
Wangaratta Regeneration	4.63
Western Heights Regeneration	13.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.31</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.2

**c) Modernisation \$94.4 million**

**Additional Information**

A total of \$204.59 million was announced in 2007-08 to implement the first stages of the modernisation program funded over two years (\$110.2 million in 2007-08 and **\$94.4 million** in 2008-09).

The \$204.59 million was provided to contribute to the modernisation of 83 schools. This funding for modernisation projects was made up under the following categories:

<b>Project category</b>	<b>TEI (\$m)</b>
Modernisation	184.59
Better Schools Today	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>204.59</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.2

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The \$184.59 million was allocated to modernisation projects at 43 schools, which are detailed in the table below:

<b>Schools</b>	<b>TEI (\$m)</b>
Ballarat Secondary College	5.63
Beaconsfield Upper Primary School	1.52
Beechworth Secondary College	5.15
Bentleigh Secondary College	6.23
Bentleigh West Primary School	6.15
Black Hill Primary School	3.01
Box Hill High School	5.76
Brauer Secondary College	1.59
Buckley Park Secondary College	5.00
Caroline Springs College (Brookside Campus)	4.93
Carranballac P-9 College	6.97
Coburg Senior High School	3.10
Cranbourne West Primary School	5.08
Drouin Secondary College	1.93
East Doncaster Secondary College	6.39
Echuca College	5.28
Elsternwick Primary School	4.37
Euroa Secondary College	3.90
Geelong South Primary School	2.12
Gladesville Primary School	2.81
Glendal Primary School	5.66
Greenhills Primary School	4.55
Inverleigh Primary School	1.15
Karingal Park Secondary College	5.57
Kent Park Primary School	4.04
Kinglake West Primary School	3.16
Kurnai College	4.30
Macclesfield Primary School	3.19
Mill Park Primary School	4.43
Mount Waverley Primary School	6.34
New Gisborne Primary School	2.87
North Melbourne Primary School	2.15
North Shore Primary School	2.91
Oberon High School	1.78
Parkdale Secondary College	8.91
Point Lonsdale Primary School	4.06
Roberts McCubbin Primary School	6.19
Sale College (McAlister campus)	0.95
Tate Street Primary School	1.54
Torquay P-9	6.61
Upwey High School	4.36
Vermont Secondary College	6.10
Werribee Secondary College	6.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>184.59</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.3

\$20 million of funding provided under the *Better Schools Today* program was allocated between the 40 schools identified below. Each school received funding between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

<b>Schools</b>
Altona North Primary School
Belvedere Park Primary School
Black Rock Primary School
Cann River P-12 College
Carlton North Primary School
Carrum Downs Primary School
Castlemaine North Primary School
Clifton Creek Primary School
Collingwood English Language School
Derrinallum College (P-12)
Doncaster Gardens Primary School
East Gippsland Specialist School
Essendon North Primary School
Fairfield Primary School
Glenferrie Primary School
Gruyere Primary School
Katandra West Primary School
Maldon Primary School
Mentone Park Primary School
Merri Creek Primary School
Monbulk Primary School
Mount Clear Primary School
Nangiloc Colignan and District Primary School
Northcote Primary School
Orchard Grove Primary School
Puckapunyal Primary School
Ripponlea Primary School
Scoresby Primary School
Simpson Primary School
Skipton Primary School
South Yarra Primary School
St Kilda Primary School
Stawell West Primary School
Stonnington Primary
Swan Reach Primary School
Tallangatta Primary School
The Basin Primary School
Toorak Primary School
Valkstone Primary School
Woodville Primary School

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.4

**2008-09 Budget – Budgeted Expenditure in 2008-09**

***In terms of Asset Investment Projects ERC 2008-09; please provide a breakdown of the more significant projects in terms of expenditure that comprise the following project categories:***

***a) Modernisation \$62 million***

**Additional Information**

A total TEI of \$127.4 million was announced in 2008-09 to modernise outdated school facilities in 26 schools over four years (\$1.4 million in 2007-08; **\$64.1 million** in 2008-09; \$60.7 million in 2009-10; and \$1.2 million in 2010-11).

The \$62 million for modernisation mentioned in Question 2.2 in the PAEC questionnaire excludes \$2.1 million for Fitzroy High School – (this figure is included in Modernisation of \$64.1m in BP3). Fitzroy High School funding is reported separately in the 2007-08 Budget Update).

<b>Schools</b>	<b>TEI (\$m)</b>
Bacchus Marsh Primary School	6.00
Carrum Primary School	4.00
Chaffey Secondary College	6.10
Colac South West Primary School	4.20
Daylesford Secondary College	3.00
Doncaster Secondary College	6.60
Dromana Secondary College	4.00
Elisabeth Murdoch College	8.60
Eltham Primary School	4.00
Glen Waverley Secondary College	9.30
Hartwell Primary School	2.80
Koroit and District Primary School	2.00
Lara Secondary College	6.20
Maffra Primary School	4.10
Fitzroy High School	3.50
McKinnon Secondary College	6.00
Mount Evelyn Primary School	6.30
Nar Nar Goon Primary School	4.40
Pascoe Vale North Primary School	3.10
Port Melbourne Primary School	4.70
Princes Hill Primary School	5.70
Reservoir West Primary School	3.60
Surrey Hills Primary School	6.20
Wangaratta West Primary School	3.00
Wellington Secondary College	5.90
Wodonga Primary School	4.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.40</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.5

**b) Better Schools Today \$35 million**

**Additional Information**

\$35.0 million was provided under the *Better Schools Today* program in the 2008-09 Budget to fund minor works of between \$300,000 and \$500,000 per school to modernise or upgrade up to 70 small-to-medium schools.

**QUESTION 1.2**

**Regarding original response to Q2.3 in the Questionnaire**

**Please provide an update on the status of the implementation of the Victorian Schools Plan in terms of targets set for 2007-08 and 2008-09.**

**Additional Information**

The 2008-09 Budget (BP3 p.306) delivered the second tranche of the *Victorian Schools Plan*, providing an additional \$595.8 million to rebuild or modernise a further 128 schools. This figure includes \$3.5 million for Fitzroy High School - Modernisation, as reported in the 2007-08 Budget Update.

This builds on the \$555 million to rebuild or modernise 131 schools in the 2007-08 Budget.

**What are the target numbers of schools which are planned to be completed (i.e. rebuilt/modernised) by the end of 2009-10? Have these targets been revised since the implementation of the Plan, and what is the current progress against those targets?**

**Additional Information**

In *Labour's Financial Statement (LFS) 2006*, the Government announced the *Victorian Schools Plan*, a ten-year commitment to fund the rebuilding, modernisation or extension of all Victorian government schools by 2016–17.

In *LFS 2006*, \$1.83 billion was committed to rebuild or modernise 500 schools over four years.

**Provide details of the external reporting which is now available to the public/Parliament to track the implementation of the Plan.**

**Additional Information**

Chapter 4 – Election Commitments Implementation Report Card – Budget Paper No.3 highlights the Government's progress towards its asset commitments as outlined in *LFS 2006* under the *Victorian Schools Plan*.

The Public Sector Asset Investment Program – Budget Information Paper No. 1 (BIP1) provides details on expenditure to date for approved projects within the Department of Education and Early Childhood portfolio, including *Victorian Schools Plan* projects.

### QUESTION 1.3

#### ***Regarding original response to Q7.1 in the Questionnaire***

***In relation to the response provided for the variations of more than 10% between the expected outcome for 2007-08 for various output costs that indicate that the variations are a result of the new 2008-09 Budget initiatives, please describe the particular initiatives involved for each variance.***

#### **Additional Information**

##### **Child Health and Support Services**

- Engaging vulnerable families through the promotion of home learning and supported playgroups – provides funding for programs to promote home learning programs, literacy learning in the home, multi-state study participation and the delivery of supported playgroups.
- Healthier mothers and babies

##### **Early Childhood Education and Care**

- A new focus on quality in family day care and outside school hours care – to administer the changes to the Children's Services Act 1996 in the Children's Services Amendment Bill 2008 which will regulate family day care and outside school hours care.
- Early childhood education and care for three year olds known to child protection – to provide free early learning programs for up to five hours per week for up to 2,000 children known to child protection.
- Refurbishing and rebuilding early childhood services – supports the co-location of early childhood services on schools sites by providing grant funding to refurbish and renovate kindergartens on school sites.
- Helping children make the transition to school – supports the rollout of a Victorian Early Learning & Development Framework for children and to introduce end of year Transition Statements for all kinder students.

##### **Early Childhood Intervention Services**

- Enhancing disability services and outcomes.

### QUESTION 1.4

#### ***Regarding original response to Q9.1 in the Questionnaire***

***What is the communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09?***

#### **Additional Information**

The communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09 is yet to be determined, and as such comparison with estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is not yet possible.

**QUESTION 1.5**

**Regarding original response to Q12.1 in the Questionnaire**

**In terms of international student fees, what is the expected revenue for 2007-08 and the estimate for 2008-09?**

**Response**

- Actual revenue from international student fees grossed \$32.8 million in 2007-08.
- Gross revenue of \$33.1 million is expected in 2008-09.

**QUESTION 1.6**

**Regarding original response to Q5.1(d)**

**Since COAG agreed on the National Reform Agenda in February 2006, Victoria has committed \$323.8 million in new funds over four years to boost literacy and numeracy.**

**Please provide an outline of all initiatives planned for 2008-09 to 2011-2012 to improve literacy levels at primary and secondary schools in Victoria. Please outline (in tabular form) the expected funding for each initiative for each year over the next four years.**

**Additional Information**

In the 2008-09 Budget, the Government announced \$22.1 million would be provided over three years (2009-2011) to continue the successful Literacy Improvement Teams Initiative enabling programs to be extended until the end of 2011. This included funding to employ an additional 15 Koorie Literacy Specialists.

2008-09 (Jan-Jun 2009)	\$3.7 million
2009-2010	\$7.4 million
2010-2011	\$7.4 million
2011-2012 July-Dec	\$3.7 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22.1 million</b>

Source: DEECD Questionnaire response, August 2008, p.10

## Department of Justice

### QUESTION 1.1

#### Q2.2 in the 2008-09 Budget Estimates Questionnaire

**With regard to the list of asset investment projects that was provided by the department in relation to those projects for which capital expenditure was budgeted to occur in 2008-09, please provide the budget allocation for each project.**

The list of asset investment projects provided in the Department's response to the 2008-09 Budget Estimates Questionnaire was a provisional list. Please disregard that list and use the following revised list, which confirms the post 2008-09 budget position.

Note that the budget allocations for 2008-09 against each project include year-end adjustments (pending approval by DTF).

Project Description	2008-09 Budget (\$'000)
<b>Justice</b>	
<b>Existing Projects</b>	
10 Year Prison Cell Safety Project – Upgrade safety of cells and buildings	3,479
Better Pathways – Women's Offending – Asset Enhancement (Metropolitan)	530
Community Based Corrections facilities – Construction (Melbourne)	85
Diversions Program for Adult Aboriginal Offenders - Construction (Statewide)	832
Improving VicSES Facilities and Infrastructure - Construction/Replacement	150
Integrated Courts Management System (ICMS) - Asset Enhancement	9,155
Justice System Major Crimes Resourcing Needs - Asset Enhancement	819
(a) Melbourne Legal Precinct Master Plan - Construction (Melbourne)	12,810
Modernising Coronial Services - Construction (Melbourne)	6,000
Moorabbin Court Complex - Construction (Moorabbin)	453
Organised Crime & Counter Terrorism - Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	168
Putting Children First: Promoting Child Safe Workplaces - Fitout/Equipment	951
Reducing Court Delays - Construction (Melbourne)	76
Sexual Assault Reform - Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	496
VICSES Support - Construction and Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	5,348
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) - Equipment Upgrade Program (Statewide)	1,351
<b>Total Existing Projects</b>	<b>42,703</b>

Project Description	2008-09 Budget (\$'000)
<b>Justice</b>	
<b>New Projects</b>	
Building Confidence in Corrections - Construction/Asset Enhancement	78,217
Children's Court Workload & Resourcing - Enhancement	255
Evidentiary Audio Visual Recording Equipment - Replacement (Melbourne)	7,516
Improving Dispute Resolution Services - Enhancement (Statewide)	171
Infringement Management and Enforcement Services – Enhancement/Equipment (Statewide)	2,493
Magistrates' Court - Safety, Security & Risk Management - Equipment/Enhancement (Metropolitan)	1,980
Melbourne Legal Precinct Master Plan- Old County Court Refurbishment - Construction/Enhancement (Melbourne)	17,500
Mortuary Services - Construction/Enhancement (Melbourne)	0
Reducing Court Delays - Supreme Court - Enhancement (Melbourne)	287
Revitalising Central Dandenong - New Asset (Dandenong)	0
Sexual Assault Reform (Rural and Regional and Geelong)- Equipment/Enhancement (Statewide)	834
Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Critical Asset Replacement Program - Replacement (Statewide)	2,644
<b>Total New Projects</b>	<b>111,897</b>
<b>Total Justice Projects</b>	<b>154,600</b>

Note: (a) This project is a combination of the Melbourne Legal Precinct Masterplan and 2007-08 Melbourne Legal Precinct Masterplan projects, which were previously reported separately.

Source: DOJ Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.1-2

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2008-09 Budget (\$'000)</b>
<b>Victoria Police</b>	
<b>Existing Projects</b>	
(a) Ararat Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction (Ararat)	5,982
(a) Bayside Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction	5,925
(a) Box Hill Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction (Box Brunswick and Collingwood Police Complexes - Upgrades (Brunswick and	6,636
Carlton-North Melbourne Police Station - Construction (Carlton-North Melbourne)	2,611
(a) Carrum Downs Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction (Carrum Downs)	7,576
Crime Department Upgrade - Construction (Melbourne)	6,075
(a) Foster Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction (Foster)	5,000
(b) Hastings Police Station (Priority Projects - Rural/Regional Police Station) - Construction (Hastings)	676
Increased Police Car Fleet - Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	1,881
(a) Kyneton Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction	971
Lilydale Police Station - Construction (Lilydale)	5,295
Macleod Forensic Capability - Asset Enhancement (Metropolitan)	11,544
North Wyndham Police Station - Construction (North Wyndham)	570
(a) Ouyen Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction (Ouyen)	4,944
Road Safety Enforcement - Road Policing Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	433
(a) Sunbury Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction	310
(a) (b) Swan Hill Police Station (Police Stations Program 2007-08) - Construction	428
Victoria Police Airwing - Asset Purchase (Statewide)	6,067
Victoria Police Weapons & Equipment - Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	4,475
Wallan Police Station - Construction (Wallan)	3,234
(b) Yarra Junction Police Station (Priority Projects - Rural/Regional Police Station) - Construction (Yarra Junction)	93
Yarrowonga Police Station Replacement (Stage 8) - Construction (Yarrowonga)	251
<b>Total Existing Projects</b>	<b>81,955</b>
<b>New Projects</b>	
Police Stations Priority Upgrade Program - Asset Enhancement (Statewide)	2,000
Victoria Police Asset Replacement - Equipment (Statewide)	4,790
Victoria Police Forensic Capability - Equipment (Statewide)	673
<b>Total New Projects</b>	<b>7,463</b>
<b>Total Police Projects</b>	<b>89,418</b>

Note: (a) This project was previously reported as part of the Police Stations Program 2007-08, which aggregated a number of police stations.  
(b) This project was previously reported as part of the Priority Projects - Rural/Regional Police Stations, which aggregated a number of police stations.

Source: DOJ Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.2-3

<b>Total DOJ &amp; VicPol Projects</b>	
New Projects DOJ & VicPol	\$119,360
Existing Projects DOJ & VicPol	\$124,659
<b>Total DOJ &amp; VicPol Projects</b>	<b>\$244,019</b>

Source: DOJ Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.3

## QUESTION 1.2

### Q9.1 in the 2008-09 Budget Estimates Questionnaire

**(a) The response revealed that ‘at this stage budgets for communication, advertising and promotion have not been allocated for 2008-09 and figures for expenditure are not able to be estimated’.**

**Please supply the finalised information requested in question 9.1 of the 2008-09 budget estimates questionnaire.**

**(b) In relation to Victoria Police, the department advised that “It is anticipated that the budget for 2008-09 will be very similar to that for 2007-08, however it is not possible to confirm this until after the 2008-09 State Budget Papers have been released’.**

**Please supply the finalised information requested in question 9.1 of the 2008-09 budget estimates questionnaire.**

### (a) Department Response

Programs over \$100,000 that have been funded in 2008/09 total \$7.0m. This estimate may vary slightly if circumstances and need change throughout the year.

The \$7.0m is made up of the following components:

- \$4.00m - Problem Gambling
- \$1.50m - Family Violence
- \$0.65m - Play it Safe by the Water
- \$0.55m - Working with Children
- \$0.30m – Victims

### (b) Victoria Police Response

The communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09 and expected actual expenditure for 2007-08 are provided in the following table:

Communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09	\$1,100,000 (estimated)
Expected actual expenditure for 2007-08.	\$670,000

Source: DOJ Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.3

The 2007-08 figure included the cost of production and publication of The Gazette, largely aimed at an internal Victoria Police audience. The Gazette will no longer be printed in 2008-09, realising a saving of approximately \$90,000. The higher level of estimated expenditure for 2008-09 reflects the estimated cost for a specific police recruitment campaign, to be run across the second half of the financial year.

### **QUESTION 1.3**

***Please outline the goals and objectives of the liquor licensing compliance directorate (i.e. what does the compliance directorate aim to achieve?)***

***Budget Paper 3, 2008-09, pg. 178 shows that for the 'Inspections, compliance monitoring and enforcement activities' target, the number of inspections has decreased from 2006-07 (8,575) to 2007-08 (7,750). Although the liquor licensing compliance directorate will be established in 2008-09, the expected number of inspections for 2008-09 has remained the same as per 2007-08 (7,750).***

***Please provide details of any expected increases in activity/inspections for the next 5 years.***

Please note that the Liquor Licensing Compliance Directorate outputs are separate to those of Consumer Affairs Victoria.

### **Consumer Affairs Victoria Outputs**

The target of 7,750 referred to in Budget Paper No. 3 for 'inspections, compliance monitoring and enforcement activities' relates to compliance and inspections activity conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) across a number of areas, but does not include compliance monitoring and enforcement of liquor laws.

Enforcement of liquor laws is the sole responsibility of Victoria Police. CAV is not involved in liquor compliance activity and therefore the measure referred to in the Budget Papers is not affected by changes introduced through the establishment of the Liquor Licensing Compliance Directorate.

### **Liquor Licensing Compliance Directorate Goals and Objectives**

The objective of the Liquor Licensing Compliance Directorate is to provide low level enforcement of the *Liquor Control Reform Act*. This will enable police to focus on higher level licensing issues that directly relate to social harm in and around venues.

The Director of Liquor Licensing has statutory responsibility for the issue and inspection of liquor licenses. Inspection and compliance activities are currently delegated to Victoria Police to be undertaken by uniformed officers.

The compliance regime to be established through the new Compliance Directorate will result in approximately 25,000 inspections per year from 2009/10. Police will retain their existing powers, however responsibility for conducting inspections will be assigned to the new compliance directorate. Police will remain focussed on higher-level licensing issues that directly create social harm in and around venues.

## Department of Transport

### QUESTION 1.1

*(Refer to Q1.3 of 2008-09 Budget Estimates questionnaire)*

***In relation to developments at the Commonwealth level that have had an impact on developing the department's 2008-09 budget, the department indicated that 'Victoria has sought Commonwealth funding for Auslink 2 projects in the federal 2008-09 Budget. The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments are working in partnership to address the gaps and bottlenecks in the national transport system and generate new jobs, investment and prosperity for Victorians'.***

***What outcomes have transpired as a result of Victoria seeking Commonwealth funding for Auslink 2 projects?***

#### **Answer:**

The Commonwealth Government has now committed to provide funding of \$3 billion to Victoria for 25 AusLink 2 projects between 2009-2014 which include a mix of road, rail and intermodal projects.

In the 2008 Federal Budget, Victoria received Commonwealth funding for 8 projects to enable early commencement of AusLink 2 projects. These projects are: West Gate Bridge (\$25m), Western Ring Road (\$14m), Geelong Ring Road Stage 4A (\$6.5m), Colac-Lavers Hill Road (\$3m), Nagambie Bypass (\$5m), Western Highway (\$5m), Princes Highway West (\$1m) and Princes Highway East (\$0.5m).

The remainder of the funding will commence in 2009-10, and some projects will take several years to complete. The commitment of funds by the Commonwealth has increased business confidence in Victoria by providing investor certainty around the future shape of Victoria's freight transport network.

**QUESTION 1.2**

**(Refer to Q2.2 of 2008-09 Budget Estimates questionnaire)**

**With regard to the list of asset investment projects that was provided by the department in relation those projects for which capital expenditure was budgeted to occur in 2008-09, please provide the budget allocation for each project.**

**Answer:**

<b>DOI Asset Investment Program</b>	<b>2008-09 Budget \$m</b>
Accessible Public Transport in Victoria - DDA Compliance for Train, Tram & Bus	41.785
Clifton Hill to Westgarth Track Duplication	33.554
Coolaroo Station	9.950
Counter Terrorism and Public Transport Security Package	1.790
Country Passenger Rail Network Maintenance and Renewal	37.560
Country Rail Freight Network Renewal and Maintenance	23.700
Craigieburn Station Track Upgrade	13.019
Dandenong Rail Corridor - Stage One - Cranbourne Stabling and Station Upgrade	25.028
Dandenong Rail Corridor - Stage Two – Westall Rail Upgrade	19.589
Dynon Port Rail Link	34.468
Geelong Rail Access Improvement Program	18.718
Hallam Park and Ride	1.200
Laverton Rail Upgrade	23.052
Linking the Suburbs - Craigieburn Rail Project	2.524
Metropolitan Park and Ride Program – Stage 2	4.200
Metropolitan Train Control Reliability Systems Upgrade (METROL)	28.352
Metropolitan Train Rolling Stock Procurement	123.500
Metropolitan Train Safety Communications System	48.293
Mildura Rail Corridor - Freight Upgrade	35.782
New Ticketing Solution	149.900
Noble Park Train Station Upgrade	1.050
North Melbourne Station Interchange Upgrade	10.000
Partnership Agreement Works	10.892
Princes Pier Restoration	11.014
Public Transport Security Package	4.600
Railway Crossing Upgrade Program (Includes Level Crossing Safety Package - 2007)	29.053
Regional Train Rolling Stock Procurement	23.792
SmartBus Green Orbital - Nunawading to Airport West	13.587
SmartBus Red Orbital - Box Hill to Altona	17.819
SmartFreight – Connect Freight	1.260
South Gippsland Public Transport Service Improvement Package	2.870
South Morang Rail Extension Development Package	4.000
Stations and Modal Interchanges Upgrade Program	4.200
Tram Electrical Upgrade and Maintenance	3.667
Transit Cities - Ballarat Second Station	7.181
Vigilance Control and Event Recording System (VICERS) on Metro Trains	20.045
Wodonga Rail Freight and Urban Redevelopment	41.656

Source: DOT Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.2

<b>VicRoads Capital Investment Program</b>	<b>2008-09 Budget \$m</b>
Barwon Heads Bridge Replacement (Barwon Heads)	13.900
Bass Highway Duplication - Grantville to King Rd	2.700
Bass Highway Duplication - King Rd to Woolmers Rd	9.000
Berwick-Cranbourne Rd Duplication - Pound Rd to Thompsons Rd (Cranbourne North, Clyde North)	4.919
Breakwater Rd Upgrade (Belmont, Geelong)	10.000
Calder Highway Sec 2 - Faraday to Ravenswood	16.078
Calder Highway Upgrade - Kyneton to Faraday	2.170
Congestion Improvements Program	14.441
Congestion Measures	6.300
Cranbourne Frankston Rd – Carriageway Duplication – Centre Rd to Western Port Hwy	2.855
Cranbourne-Frankston Rd Duplication - Scott St to Hall Rd (Cranbourne)	1.155
Cranbourne-Frankston Rd Duplication – Hall Road to Western Port Highway (Cranbourne)	10.800
Derrimut Road Duplication - Hogans Rd to Sayers Rd (Hoppers Crossing)	3.688
Electronic Variable Speed Limits	4.000
Ferntree Gully Road Widening – Jells Road to Stud Road	24.403
Geelong Ring Road	91.000
Goulburn Valley Highway Upgrading	1.260
Hume Highway - Donnybrook Road grade separation	13.719
Kings Road Duplication - Melton Hwy to Taylors Rd (Sydenham)	1.845
Kororoit Creek Road Duplication – Grieve Parade to Millers Road	1.200
Narre Warren – Cranbourne Road Duplication – Centre Road to Pound Road (Narre Warren)	5.249
Nepean Hwy Bridge Replacement - Mordialloc Creek (Kingston City)	3.763
Pound Road – South Gippsland Highway / South Gippsland Freeway Upgrade	1.300
Princes Highway East (Via Bruthen) - Buchan Road to Princes Hwy	1.175
Princes Highway West Duplication Stage 1 – Waurm Ponds to Winchelsea	5.000
Road Safety Infrastructure Program 3	80.000
South Road New Road Construction - Warrigal Rd to Old Dandenong Rd (Heatherston)	2.215
Taylors Road Bypass	8.082
Thompson Road Duplication (Carrum Downs)	11.032
Thompson Road Duplication (Cranbourne)	10.101
Tram and Bus Priority Program	6.000
Tullamarine - Calder Freeway Interchange	2.918
Vineyard Road (Obeid Drive and Mitchells Lane, Sunbury)	11.423
Wellington Road Widening - Huntingdale Station to Stud Rd (Metro Various)	2.311
Western Highway: Deer Park Bypass and Leakes Rd Interchange Upgrade (Deer Park)	95.115
Western Highway Realignment: Anthony's Cutting	5.000
Western Port Hwy Duplication – Cranbourne Frankston Road to North Road	18.668
West-Gate Monash Freeways Improvement Project	360.238

Excludes the Registration and Licensing Project – Stage 1, as the 2008-09 State Budget provided \$7.5m in operating funding for this project.

Source: DOT Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.3

**QUESTION 1.3**

***(Refer to Q3.1a of 2008-09 Budget Estimates questionnaire)***

***Please quantify the planned efficiency savings according to the various elements of the Efficient Government policy.***

**Answer:**

The 2008-09 savings requirement under the Efficient Government Policy totals \$10.8 million for the Department. This was set by Government based on the following savings areas:

	(\$m)
Implementation of 'Buying Smarter, Buying Less' policy	7.3
General head office including grant administration and fleet management	2.7
Advertising and consultancies	0.4
Shared services arrangements	0.4
	<b>10.8</b>

Source: DOT Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.4

**QUESTION 1.4**

***(Refer to Q12.2 of 2008-09 Budget Estimates questionnaire)***

***In relation to the list of concessions to be provided in 2008-09, please describe what is meant by the various frequencies outlined in the 'Frequency' column of the department's response e.g. 25% Driver Licence Discount Scheme – 3 Monthly***

**Answer:**

The "frequency" referred to in the concessions table of question 12.2 does not relate to the frequency of application of the concessions, and is only used by VicRoads for internal processes.

Therefore, the table can be summarised to the following concessions: Health Care Card, Recreational Use Health Care Card, Pensioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Private or Business Use - French Island, and 25% Driver License Discount Scheme.

## Department of Primary Industries

### QUESTION 1.1

#### *Response to Question 1.3*

***In describing the impact that developments at the Commonwealth level have had on preparing the department's component of the 2008-09 state budget, the response indicated that "The release of the Commonwealth Budget on 13 May 2008 confirms the Rudd Government's commitment to substantial funding of low-emission energy technologies. This was anticipated in the Victorian budget allocation for such technologies, which will be used to leverage Commonwealth and private funding.***

***What funding has flowed to Victoria as a result of the release of the Commonwealth Budget in terms of low-emission energy technologies?***

The Commonwealth 2008-09 Budget included the following major energy technology initiatives:

- \$500 million for the National Clean Coal Fund over eight years, of which Victoria has been allocated \$50 million for a large scale post combustion capture demonstration project in the Latrobe Valley. Victoria has an opportunity to secure further funding possibly through a competitive tender process for the currently remaining unallocated amount of \$140 million.
- \$500 million for the Renewable Energy Fund over seven years. The unallocated amount of approximately \$400 million is expected to be awarded through a competitive tender process.
- \$150 million for the Energy Innovation Fund over four years, with the unallocated amount of \$50 million to be based on a competitive merit-based application process.

### QUESTION 1.2

#### *Response to Question 1.2 and Question 6.1.*

***The responses to these questions indicated that the development of Carbon Capture and Storage systems are an integral component of the Government's actions to address climate change.***

***In relation to this, a Regulatory Framework for the Long-Term Underground Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide was released for public consultation on 14 January 2008. Since this time the government has committed \$110 million over six years for large scale pre-commercial demonstration of CCS technologies as part of the government's Energy Technology Innovation Strategy.***

***Can you please provide the Committee with details of the timelines for the ongoing development of the Regulatory Framework for the Long-Term Underground Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.***

***Please also outline in specific terms, how the funding allocated for the large scale pre-commercial demonstration of CCS technologies is to be utilised, providing the timelines for the development of this program.***

Legislation to regulate the onshore injection and storage of carbon dioxide in Victoria is currently in the process of being developed. Subject to Cabinet approval, it is anticipated that the onshore injection and storage of carbon dioxide legislation will be introduced to Parliament in the Spring 2008 sittings.

Amendments to the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum Act 2006 (OPA) to provide access and property rights for CCS in Australian waters have been drafted. This legislation will allow for the establishment of an effective regulatory framework covering offshore CCS activities. The Bill was referred to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Resources for review with their report being tabled on 15 August 2008. The Senate Economics Committee report on the legislation is scheduled to be completed on 16 October 2008.

The specific funding allocation for the large scale pre-commercial demonstration of CCS will not be known until the evaluation process has been completed. This process is expected to be complete by March/April 2010.

Eligibility for Victorian funds will be dependant on proponents applying to the Commonwealth under their competitive tender process.

## Department of Sustainability and Environment

### QUESTION 1.1

#### Response to Q1.3

*In describing the impact that developments at the Commonwealth level have had on preparing the department's component of the 2008-09 state budget, the response indicated that 'The release of the Commonwealth Budget on 13 May 2008 confirms the Rudd Government's commitment to substantial funding of low-emission energy technologies. This was anticipated in the Victorian budget allocation for such technologies, which will be used to leverage Commonwealth and private funding.*

*What funding has flowed to Victoria as a result of the release of the Commonwealth Budget in terms of low-emission energy technologies?*

No response from the Department is required. This question was intended for the Department of Primary Industries, as confirmed by a PAEC officer on 15 August 2008.

### QUESTION 1.2

#### Response to Q2.4

*In relation to providing a breakdown of the carried forward funding for both output and asset initiatives to 2008-09, the Department advised that 'The Department cannot yet advise of the actual amount of funding to be carried forward to 2008-09. This information can be provided at the end of the 2007-08 financial year'.*

*Please provide a breakdown of the carried forward funding for both output and asset initiatives to 2008-09.*

The 2008-09 Budget Paper 4 page 226, shows the Department's carryover as \$49.43 million; \$10.71 million of asset carryover and \$38.72 million of output carryover. The table below provides a breakdown of the \$49.43 million.

<b>2007-08 Asset Carryover</b>	
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Published Carryover (\$m)</b>
Victorian Water Trust projects	4.26
Protecting and Repairing Our Water Sources	2.00
Northern Grid	1.75
Other projects	2.70
<b>Total Asset Carryover</b>	<b>10.71</b>

<b>2007-08 Output Carryover</b>	
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Published Carryover (\$m)</b>
Northern Grid	4.79
Protecting and Repairing Our Water Sources	2.00
Smart Urban Water Initiatives and Recycling	2.81
Water Security for Cities, Farms and the Environment	1.85
COAG - Living Murray	4.27
Small Town Water Quality	2.41
Victorian Water Trust projects	1.50
National Action Plan for Salinity & Water Quality, State	2.35
ESAS Initiatives	2.01
Additional Section 29 Collections	7.00
Victorian Greenhouse Strategy	1.99
Other Minor Projects	5.74
<b>Total Output Carryover</b>	<b>38.72</b>

Source: DSE Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.1-2

The carryovers outlined above are due to:

- The reassessment of a number of projects for opportunities to integrate them with the Foodbowl Modernisation Project;
- Redirection of funding within the Victorian Water Trust (VWT) as approved by the VWT Council;
- Negotiations with other jurisdictions regarding the Victorian investment in Living Murray initiatives were not finalised in 2007-08, therefore deferring expenditure; and
- Procurement difficulties leading to temporary delays in projects and subsequent lower than anticipated expenditure.

The Department has, and will continue to strive towards ensuring minimal carryovers, and timely delivery of major projects and services.

**QUESTION 1.3**

**Response to Q3.1 (a)**

**Please quantify the planned efficiency savings according to the various elements of the Efficiency Government policy.**

As per the 2007-08 Budget Paper 3 page 327, the Department was required to achieve Efficient Government savings of \$18.9 million in 2008-09. Since the 2007-08 Budget, the Department of Treasury and Finance has reviewed the basis of the calculation of all savings initiatives and determined that an adjustment primarily in the area of grants, was appropriate. Consequently the Department's target for 2008-09 was revised to \$18.0 million.

The table below quantifies the planned efficiency savings according to the various elements of the Efficiency Government policy.

	<b>Planned 2008-09 Efficiency Govt. Savings (\$m)</b>
Advertising and Consultancies	1.3
Fleet Management	0.7
Grant Administration	4.2
Buying Smarter and Less	8.5
Shared Services	1.1
HO Salaries	2.2

Notes: (1) Revised 2008-09 target post ERC Grants Consolidation

Source: DSE Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.3

In addition, as per 2008-09 Budget Paper 3 page 352, the Department is required to achieve further savings of \$8.3 million by way of general efficiencies.

The Department has, and will continue to implement appropriate actions to achieve savings as determined by Government and will undertake continued monitoring to ensure that these savings are achieved.

#### QUESTION 1.4

##### **Response to Q9.1**

**The response revealed that 'The communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09 is not yet known, as the 2008-09 budget development process for the Department is currently underway. The response also indicated that 'The total actual expenditure for 2007-08 will not be known until the end of the financial year'.**

**Please supply the finalised information requested in question 9.1 of the 2008-09 budget estimates questionnaire.**

Actual expenditure for communications, advertising and promotions for 2007-08 was \$6.5 million. Most of the expenditure is attributed to the *Energy Efficiency (Black Balloons)* campaign, with a small amount attributed to the *Water Plan* campaign.

It should be noted that this expenditure excludes costs of around \$2.0 million associated with the *Our Water Our Future* behavioural change campaign, as it is funded by Melbourne's water retailers and Melbourne Water.

The communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008-09 is \$5.6 million. Most of the budget is allocated to the extension of the *Energy Efficiency (Black Balloons)* campaign as per 2008-09 Budget Paper 3, page 290. The balance is intended for numerous anticipated advertisements for community engagement programs, and grant applications.

It should be noted that the 2008-09 communications, advertising and promotion budget does not include anticipated expenditure associated with the *Our Water Our Future* behavioural change campaign for reasons outlined previously.

**QUESTION 1.5**

**Response to Q10.1 (a)**

***In relation to providing a summary of the funding provided through the budget that will be disseminated by the Department through to the non-government sector in 2008-09, the Department advised that ‘The Department cannot yet advise the level of funding to be provided to the non-government sector in 2008-09. This information will not be available until the Department’s 2008-09 Budget is finalised towards the end of the 2007-08 financial year’.***

***Please provide a breakdown of the funding provided through the budget to the non-government sector.***

***The table below shows a breakdown of the planned Grant allocations during 2008-09, and groups to which funding has been allocated:***

<b>Group</b>	<b>Planned Grant Funding 2008-09</b>
Grants to Local Government	\$13.35 million
Grants to Private Sector Businesses and Non-Profit Organisations i.e Committees of Management	\$71.55 million
Capital Grants to Private Sector Businesses and Non-Profit Organisations	\$8.24 million
Grants to Institutions (Education)	\$2.45 million
Capital Grants to Households and Persons	\$0.44 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96.03 million</b>

Source: DSE Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.4

Note: Under the Living Murray initiative, negotiations are continuing with other States regarding the level of investment by Victoria in their projects and vice versa. Actual expenditure on this initiative can be reported in the expected 2009-10 budget estimates questionnaire circulated by PAEC.

In addition, there are some grant programs managed by the Department which require applications to be made prior to funding being approved and provided. These grant processes will occur throughout the 2008-09 financial year.

**QUESTION 1.6**

**Response to Q12.2**

***In relation to question dealing with subsidies and concessions, the department advised that 'the Department is not yet able to advise the estimated number and cost of concessions to be provided in 2008-09. However, based on the 2007-08 financial year, it is expected that the Department will provide around 5,000 concessions, at a cost of around \$0.3 million'.***

***Please provide estimates for 2008-09 when finalised.***

In 2008-09, expected concessions are the same as 2007-08. This assumes that climatic conditions during 2008-09 will be similar to those experienced during 2007-08, and the level of participation in activities for which concessions can be given, will remain constant.

The 2008-09 Budget Paper No 3 details two initiatives linked to DSE; the *Solar Hot Water Rebate* package, and the *Concessions* initiative which includes concession for water and sewage bills. However, funding and management of both programs rests with Sustainability Victoria, and DHS respectively, there is no impact on DSE's expected 2008-09 subsidies and concessions.

## Department of Treasury and Finance

### QUESTION 1.1

#### *Response to Q3.1 (a)*

***Please quantify the planned efficiency savings according to the various elements of the Efficient Government policy.***

The Department of Treasury and Finance has extracted savings in its 2008-09 Budget in line with the efficient government policy in relation to Buying Smarter, Buying less, Shared Services, Fleet Management, Advertising and Consultancies and Integrated ICT. DTF does not contribute to the Grants administration savings as it does not manage key grant programs. DTF's planned efficiency savings are listed in the 2007-08 Budget Paper 3 on page 335. The planned efficiency savings for the Efficient Government policy for the whole-of-government can be found on page 344 of the same Budget papers.

### QUESTION 2.1

***Please outline any plans at COAG or at a state/territory level in relation to progressing the issue of developing uniform multifactor or labour productivity measures for the departmental sector.***

In the context of COAG discussions DTF is assisting in developing a performance reporting framework that will support the establishment of new specific purpose payments (SPPs). It is expected that the performance indicators will relate to agreed high level outcomes and government effectiveness and not departmental productivity measures.

**QUESTION 3.1**

***The Victorian Government's response to the Committee's report on the 2007-08 Budget***

***Outcomes, tabled on 4 April 2008. revealed that of the 52 recommendations:***

- ***13 were accepted (25 per cent)***
- ***8 were accepted in part (15 percent)***
- ***21 were accepted in principle (40 per cent)***
- ***3 were under review (6 per cent)***
- ***7 were rejected (14 per cent)***

***The Committee would appreciate the Department of Treasury and Finance preparing a coordinated response to the following question:***

***In relation to these recommendations, please provide a summary of the actual action taken in response to:***

***each of the recommendations accepted***

***each of the recommendations accepted in part***

***each of the recommendations accepted in principle***

***each of the recommendations that were under review***

After discussion with the Public Accounts and Estimates committee staff an agreement was made that this question would now be completed as part of the 2009-10 Budget Estimates Questionnaire in March 2009 for inclusion in the 2009-10 Budget Estimates Report.

## Department of Human Services

### QUESTION 1.1

**Response to Q1.2 – Workforce: In describing the impact that developments at the Commonwealth level have had on preparing the department's component of the 2008-09 state budget, the response indicated that 'The Commonwealth government's announcement of 1,500 additional university nursing places across Australia from 2009 is welcomed but will require Victorian public health services to create additional clinical placements for the new nursing students. This will make it more important for public hospitals to be able to offer high quality teaching facilities, including teaching rooms, teaching equipment, and audiovisual and simulation tools'.**

**Please outline what initiatives have been developed for the provision of additional clinical placements for new nursing students.**

The Department of Human Services has developed a number of initiatives to support provision of additional clinical placements for nursing students.

The department provides grants to increase the number of nurse preceptors to support students on clinical placement. These were provided in 2007-08 and will also be provided in 2008-09. These grants will train more nurse preceptors in the public health system to increase clinical placement capacity. On the basis of the 2007-08 preceptor grants, health services estimate that they will be able to provide an additional 17,987 nursing clinical placement days and in 2008-09 the grants are expected to further increase capacity by 7,285 days.

The department is investing approximately \$50 million in capital improvements to strengthen learning environments in Victorian public health services. Funded through the 2006 Life Sciences Statement *Health futures: Delivering better health, research and jobs for Victoria* and the State budget 2008-09, these improvements are predominately being made in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas. These improvements include tutorial rooms, lecture theatres and library spaces. Whilst medical students are the primary beneficiary of these improvements, students of all health disciplines at these sites will benefit.

### QUESTION 1.2

**Response to Q1.5 - In response to explaining variances over 10%, the department indicated that 'The department is currently finalising its 2008-09 Budget Paper output statements, in accordance with Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) requirements and timelines. The department will respond to this question upon conclusion of the above authorisation processes'. Please provide a response to Q1.5**

Refer to the following table:



**Report on the 2008-09 Budget Estimates – Part Three**

		<b>Performance Measure Unit Description</b>	<b>2008-09 Target **</b>	<b>2007-08 Expected Outcome **</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Updated Comments</b>
<b>Acute Health Services</b>	<b>Emergency Services</b>	Emergency Category 3 treated in 30 minutes	75	68	10.3%	BP3 Footnote: Factors such as higher than usual outbreaks of influenza and gastroenteritis during the winter period, and industrial action during the enterprise bargaining process, had a significant impact on performance.	The number of Category 3 patients experienced growth of 5 per cent over 2007-08. Factors such as influenza and the impact of industrial action by nurses and allied health staff have had a significant impact on overall performance.  The target has been maintained as the expected performance goal for this measure.
<b>Aged and Home Care</b>	<b>Aged Care Assessments</b>	Average wait between client registration and ACAS assessment - hospital-based assessment	2.5	2.1	19.0%	BP3 Footnote: Expected outcome reflects ongoing positive performance for hospital-based assessments.	The waiting time of 2.5 days for hospital-based assessments has been set in order to ensure that wait times reflect the patients' best interests in being medically stable before assessment and have family support present when assessment occurs.



		Performance Measure Unit Description	2008-09 Target **	2007-08 Expected Outcome **	Variance	Comments	Updated Comments
Primary and Dental Health	Community Health Care	Better Health Channel managed content (pages) (new Measure)	4,000	6,380	-37.3%	BP3 Footnote: Lower 2008-09 Target is due to the diversion of resources to support the implementation of the new content management system. Higher expected outcome is due to the increase of pages (fact sheets and questions) added to the site to support i	The lower 2008-09 target is due to the temporary diversion of resources to support migration of all better health content into the new DHS wide Content Management system environment (MySource Matrix). Also, as part of ongoing content maintenance practices, existing content will be rationalised, archived and reviewed to reduce duplication and retire outdated pages.
Primary and Dental Health	Dental Services	Standard Equivalent Value Units (New Measure)	1,369,000	1,200,000	14.1%	BP3 Footnote: Increased target and expected outcome reflect the inclusion of a wider range of dental services.	In 2007-08 all the people treated in the public sector, including children and those receiving care at the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne, were included in the actual performance. This change in reporting provides a fuller picture of the performance of public dental services. Increase in the 2008-09 target reflects this change in counting rules as well as enhanced reporting by Dental Health Services Victoria.
Small Rural Services	Small Rural Services – Primary Health	Standard Equivalent Value Units (New Measure)	107,500	129,340	-16.9%	BP3 Footnote: The lower target reflects the introduction of the new primary health funding approach and a change in the method of calculation, whereby health promotion hours are block funded and excluded from the calculation of Standard Equivalent Values for small rural agencies from 1 July 2008. Health promotion hours were included in the 2007-08 Target as they were unit priced at the time. The target includes additional funding for Chronic Disease Management.	BP3 Footnote: The lower target reflects the introduction of the new primary health funding approach and a change in the method of calculation, whereby health promotion hours are block funded and excluded from the calculation of Standard Equivalent Values for small rural agencies from 1 July 2008. Health promotion hours were included in the 2007-08 Target as they were unit priced at the time. The target includes additional funding for Chronic Disease Management.



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		Performance Measure Unit Description	2008-09 Target **	2007-08 Expected Outcome **	Variance	Comments	Updated Comments
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services (PDRSS)</b>	Proportion of major agencies accredited against the PDRSS standards (New Measure)	100	83	20.5%	BP3 Footnote: All major agencies are expected to be accredited by end-June 2009.	This is a cumulative measure that is expected to be achieved over several years from introduction.
<b>Child Protection and Family Services</b>	<b>Placement and Support Services</b>	Family and placement services subject to a quality audit and review (New Measure)	20	90	-77.8%	BP3 Footnote: Registered services have been requested to undertake internal reviews in 2007-08.	As part of the registration process, all community sector organisations are expected to undertake audit and reviews. The original target of 20% was intended for the conduct of external reviews. In implementing this measure internal review processes were introduced during 2007-08 as a precursor to external review practice and reported in BP3 outcomes. In 2008-09 the external review component is expected to be rolled out according to the target.
<b>Child Protection and Family Services</b>	<b>Family and Community Services</b>	Number of operational Child FIRST sites (New Measure)	24	16	50.0%	BP3 Footnote: The rollout of operational ChildFIRST sites for 2007-08 has proceeded at a faster rate than originally anticipated and this is reflected in the 2007-08 Expected Outcome.	This measure counts the number of operational Child FIRST sites that are being rolled out across the State. At the end of 2008, a total of 16 sites were rolled out, and by 2008-09 a total of 24 sites will have been rolled out.
<b>Youth Services and Youth Justice</b>	<b>Youth Justice Custodial Services</b>	Annual daily average number of young people in custody: Males (15 years plus) (New Measure)***	115-155	115-135	14.8% upper range variance	BP3 Footnote: The target range has been expanded to reflect anticipated increase in custodial clients in 2008-09.	The target range has been increased from 115 to 135 to 115 to 155 to address a trend of increasing numbers of custodial clients arising mostly from those on remand where bail has been refused.

**Appendix 3: Responses to requests for clarification on specific issues**

		<b>Performance Measure Unit Description</b>	<b>2008-09 Target **</b>	<b>2007-08 Expected Outcome **</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Updated Comments</b>
<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>Individual Support</b>	Clients receiving individual support	13,810	8,315	66.1%	BP3 Footnote:2008-09 Target increase reflects 2008-09 new growth initiatives, funding for individual support packages and Acquired Brain Injury, reclassification of the Transition to Employment and Community Options initiatives (Future For Young Adults p	The increase in the service performance measure Clients Receiving Individual Support in the 2008-09 Budget Papers has resulted from the integration of the Futures for Young Adults performance measure, LFS 3 output initiative funding and 2008-09 ERC output funding decisions taken. The integration of the Futures for Young Adults measure into the Clients Receiving Individual Support performance measure, is not directly comparable (i.e. additive) as the previous measurement for the Futures for Young Adults was client participation and other contact, whereas the Clients Receiving Individual Support measure is based on access to services. In addition further target increases occurred as a result of the output funding decisions approved by government in 2007-08 (outyear impact) and in the 2008-09 Budget. These target increases relate to Individual Support Packages, Acquired Brain Injury and Transition to Work with a total funding value of \$36.4 million in 2008-09. As a result, the target number for Clients Receiving Individual Support significantly increased from 8,315 (in 2007-08) to 13,810 in the 2008-09 budget.

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		Performance Measure Unit Description	2008-09 Target **	2007-08 Expected Outcome **	Variance	Comments	Updated Comments
Disability Services	Information, Planning and Capacity Building	Average case management waiting time	50	45	11.1%	BP3 Footnote: Lower 2007-08 Expected Outcome reflects recent reduction in waiting time. The reduction is yet to be established as sustainable.	The estimate provided reflects the likely impact of the increasing complexity of case management resulting from the implementation of the Disability Service Act 2006 and introduction of person centred case management and planning for people with a disability.  The anticipated performance outcome shows a progressive increase in the average waiting times for case management in this transitional period compared to prior years.
Housing Assistance	Homelessness Assistance	Housing information or referral assistance (occasions of service)	91,300	81,300	12.3%	BP3 Footnote: The 2008-09 Target includes an additional 10 000 assists associated with the implementation of the new Opening Doors initiative.	BP3 Footnote: The 2008-09 Target includes an additional 10 000 assists associated with the implementation of the new Opening Doors initiative.
Housing Assistance	Long Term Housing Assistance	Properties acquired during year for long-term housing (includes leases, and joint ventures and Office of Housing funded community owned dwellings)	1,030	1,150	-10.4%	BP3 Footnote: Acquisitions in 2007-08 are anticipated to be slightly higher than 2006-07 and 2008-09 due to the funding and units that were expected to be delivered in 2006-07 coming on line in early 2007-08.	BP3 Footnote: Acquisitions in 2007-08 are anticipated to be slightly higher than 2006-07 and 2008-09 due to the funding and units that were expected to be delivered in 2006-07 coming on line in early 2007-08.

**Appendix 3: Responses to requests for clarification on specific issues**

		Performance Measure Unit Description	2008-09 Target **	2007-08 Expected Outcome **	Variance	Comments	Updated Comments
<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>Long Term Housing Assistance</b>	Number of dwellings with major upgrade during year (includes neighbourhood renewal areas)	2,150	2,450	-12.2%	BP3 Footnote: As more poor condition stock is replaced with new or redeveloped properties, fewer upgrades will be required in the future. The lower upgrade target reflects this change.	BP3 Footnote: As more poor condition stock is replaced with new or redeveloped properties, fewer upgrades will be required in the future. The lower upgrade target reflects this change.
<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>Home Ownership and Renovation Assistance</b>	Loans in arrears by more than 30 days as a proportion of total loans	5	4	25.0%	BP3 Footnote: The higher expected result in 2007-08 reflects strengthened arrears management practices.	BP3 Footnote: The higher expected result in 2007-08 reflects strengthened arrears management practices.

Source: DHS Questionnaire response, September 2008, attached file

### QUESTION 1.3

**Response to Q2.3 (b) - In relation to the development of forward looking assessments of infrastructure demand, the department indicated, in part, that 'The department has also undertaken an extensive assessment of future housing needs and development of social housing acquisition targets. In its 2007-08 State Budget, the Government committed \$500 million over four years to expand and improve the quality of social housing properties to align the supply of stock with the future needs of clients. This strategy focuses on acquiring new social housing stock in areas of high demand, based on public housing applications and numbers of private renters experiencing housing stress, as well as taking into account transit city and population growth area policies, regional planning policies, and the Melbourne 2030 visions'. Please outline in specific terms how the funding allocated to 2008-09 is to be utilised.**

The \$500 million commitment announced in the 2007-08 budget was made up of the following components:

1. \$60 million over four years to fund the purchase or construction of 350 new rental homes for low-income families and singles
2. \$240 million over four years to fund the purchase or construction of 1200 rental homes for low-income families and singles
3. \$200 million over four years for an additional 800 new public housing units across Victoria

The Department is on track to deliver on these commitments. In 2008-09, the Department intends to allocate this funding as follows:

1. From the **\$60 million** - \$20 million will be allocated in 2008-09. It is expected that 120 dwellings will result from this funding stream in 2008-09.
4. From the **\$240 million** - \$44 million will be allocated in 2008-09. It is expected that 260 dwellings will result from this funding stream in 2008-09.
5. From the **\$200 million** - \$50 million will be allocated in 2008-09. It is expected that 200 dwellings will result from this funding stream in 2008-09.

It should be noted that the expenditure in the financial year and the number of dwellings completed do not necessarily align. This is due to a range of factors including progress payments, lead times on construction and costs of acquiring vacant land.

#### QUESTION 1.4

***Response to Q2.3 (c) - In relation to outlining any asset investment projects of the department to be undertaken in 2008-09 that are linked to whole of government infrastructure initiatives, the department outlined two four programs approved in 2007-08 (the medical equipment replacement program and the state-wide infrastructure renewal program). What is the funding allocation to the department in 2008-09 and how is the funding to be spent in 2008-09?***

As part of the 2007-08 State Budget, the Department was allocated \$145 million TEI (over 4 years) for the Medical Equipment Replacement Program to replace high-risk medical equipment items across the acute public hospital system, as well as replace a number of items in non-acute program areas (including mental health, dental health and public health). The 2008-09 budget for the Medical Equipment Replacement Program is \$35 million, comprising \$27 million for replacement of medical items within acute hospitals in metropolitan Melbourne and \$8 million in rural Victoria.

The Department was also allocated \$80 million TEI (over 4 years) for the State-wide Infrastructure Renewal Program in the 2007-08 State Budget to improve the quality and standard of health and community services assets by addressing urgent infrastructure risks and undertaking critical renewal programs across the state. The 2008-09 budget for the State-wide Infrastructure Renewal Program is \$20 million, comprising \$15 million for health facilities in metropolitan Melbourne and \$5 million for facilities in rural Victoria.

## QUESTION 1.5

**Response to Q5.1 - In terms of explaining how various economic factors and the impact on departmental initiatives have been addressed in framing the department's 2008-09 budget, the department indicated that 'In a climate of rising interest rates and inflation and uncertainty in economic forecasts and stability, DHS budget initiatives for 2008-09 have been developed with regard to the risks of such an environment, especially in areas such as homelessness and social housing, and the increasing costs of out of home childcare. DHS budget initiatives also reflect the need for a skilled and expanded health workforce and accessible tertiary and preventative services and support the human capital element of the National Reform Agenda (NRA)'. Please provide examples of these initiatives.**

All DHS budget initiatives for 2008-09 have been developed with regard to the risks associated with interest rate fluctuations, inflation and uncertainty in economic forecasts and stability. The extent to which such economic factors can influence unemployment rates; income, mortgage and family stress; and in turn demand for and types of health and welfare services is an important consideration in developing the Human Services Budget Submission. DHS budget initiatives support Government's priorities and the Department's objectives, particularly for disadvantaged people and communities which are most at risk in their exposure to economic uncertainty. A full list of departmental initiatives is contained in Budget Paper No.3 at page 309.

Examples of initiatives addressing areas which are most heavily influenced by adverse economic outcomes include:

1. Improving access and pathways to homelessness and housing services: Opening Doors - This initiative aims to improve access to homelessness and housing services through the establishment of clear access points for housing and brokerage resources as well as streamlined communication among workers and agencies. This will facilitate easier access for people experiencing homelessness to the help they need and improve access to allied health and welfare services to address the range of issues that people have when they are at risk of, or experience homelessness.
2. Support for Transit Cities and Aboriginal housing - This initiative supports the acquisition of new public housing in transit cities, provides capital grants to Housing Associations to help strengthen the not-for-profit housing sector, and will boost the number of Aboriginal housing units in Victoria.
3. Support for vulnerable tenants in social housing – This initiative implements the state-wide roll out of the Support for High Risk Tenancies project, which provides intensive support services for tenants with multiple and complex needs. The initiative will assist tenants to maintain secure housing by addressing a range of social (strongly influenced by economic factors) and health issues that may put them at risk of eviction or homelessness. It is important that social and rooming house tenants (housing of last resort) are able to sustain their housing. For those on low incomes with complex needs, including mental illness, drug and alcohol, disability and health issues and people who have experienced homelessness, the capacity to sustain long-term housing requires access to appropriate support services that can assist them to address their non-housing related needs.
4. Improving outcomes for children in Out of Home Care services – This initiative seeks to provide improved outcomes for children who have been removed from the care of their parents due to abuse and/or neglect and placed in out of home care. The first part of a wider reform program, it will establish a pilot for a new therapeutic model of care for

children in home based care and improve the level of support for caregivers, and kinship carers through the provision of additional information, training and case management.

5. Improving mental health services - Funding is provided for Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC) beds in Burnside, Northern, Broadmeadows, Ringwood, Clayton and Frankston that were approved in the government's 2006 election commitments. Funding is also provided for a new integrated child and youth platform, more enhanced family support services, a state-wide 24/7 mental health information and referral service, and increased mental health triage services. The funding also provides for increased services to homeless people who experience mental illness.
6. Training new health workers - This initiative implements health workforce reform commitments agreed by the Council of Australian Governments and also provides for clinical training and supervision for medical graduates in Victoria's health services as well as teaching infrastructure across the state to support the education and training of medical, nursing and allied health university students. Increases in the number of health professionals across the health system promote access to services and reduce the inequalities in health and wellbeing experienced by disadvantaged people and communities whose circumstances may lead to higher care needs.

**QUESTION 1.6**

**Response to Q9.1 - As the response revealed that ‘At this stage, funding for communication, advertising and promotion has not been allocated for 2008-09 and figures for expenditure are not able to be estimated’. Please supply the information requested in question 9.1 of the 2008-09 budget estimates questionnaire.**

*Question 9.1*

*(a) What is the communication, advertising and promotion budget for 2008 09? Please also provide the expected actual expenditure for 2007 08.*

*(b) How does the 2008-09 budget compare with the estimated expenditure to be incurred on communications, advertising and promotion during 2007 08 (due to machinery of government changes relating to the structure of departments, if applicable please break down according to like agencies where possible for comparative purposes)?*

As indicated in the Budget Estimates questionnaire response, there is no centrally allocated DHS budget for communications, advertising and promotions. Actual communications expenditure is recommended and allocated based upon the stated objectives and the communication support required for each individual program. Advertising and promotional expenditures for the department are included within overall policy and program area objectives for 2008-09. These objectives are outlined in the 2008-09 Departmental Plan.

Communications related activities such as information provision, public health education and promotion of services to the community, is undertaken on a case-by-case basis throughout the year. Communications expenditure is also subject to strict departmental and whole-of-government approval processes which include the Government Communications Review Group (GCRG) and the Communications Committee of Cabinet (CCC). Actual funding and expenditure will vary according to the outcome of these submissions and approvals. Comparative information on 2006-07 and 2007-08 communications/advertising/promotions expenditure for the department is below.

<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Var %</b>
\$18,109,157	\$14,201,706	- 21.6%

Source: DHS Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.5

## QUESTION 1.7

***Please provide details on the status of the implementation of the HealthSMART program in relation to the following points:***

- Costs incurred to date, and comparison against target costs to date
- Degree of completion of the program, compared to target to date
- Expected timeframe for completion of the project and expected total cost
- Reasons for any increases from the original budget of \$323 million (2008-09 budget allocates an additional \$103.9 million to the project – please provide reasons for this increase)
- Reasons for delays from original expected completion date of 2007

***Please also outline how many agencies are within the scope of the HealthSMART program, including the number which are targeted for the clinical systems roll-out.***

### **Costs incurred to date, and comparison against target costs to date**

As at June 2008, total expenditure for the HealthSMART Program stands at \$219.8 million compared with the total budgeted expenditure of \$245.4 million.

### **Degree of completion of the program, compared to target to date**

**Financial & Supply Management Information System (FMIS):** The FMIS project has been completed and is live in eight agencies.

**Human Resource Management Systems (HRMS):** The HealthSMART Human Resource Management System (Frontier) is on track to meet targets and is live in six health services, with another two services undertaking implementation activity. One pilot implementation of the Rostering system (Kronos) has been completed, with another in the final phase of implementation. This will complete the HRMS project.

**Patient/Client Management System (PCMS) and Client Management System (CMS):** A total of four PCMS implementations have been completed, with a further three underway. The PCMS project is on target to deliver a total of 12 implementations.

A total of seven CMS implementations have been completed with another five implementations underway, in line with the project schedule. The CMS project is on target to deliver a total of 21 implementations.

**Clinical Systems:** Implementations of Clinical Systems in health services have been delayed, however implementation work will now commence at three of the lead health services. Rebaselining of this project aspect has commenced and will result in an extension of the timeline for completion of this project, which is required to be endorsed by the Board of Health Information Systems.

**HealthSMART Services:** The statewide, shared infrastructure is supporting over 15,000 users across 17 health agencies. The statewide, shared infrastructure has been established to provide disaster recovery and redundancy capability for all HealthSMART systems.

### **Expected timeframe for completion of the project and expected total cost**

The HealthSMART Program continues to track in line with the revised schedule and is now expected to complete by June 2009, with the exception of the Clinical Systems project which is currently being rebaselined.

The recent Auditor General's review of the programme stated that "...*HealthSMART* will essentially meet its approved overall cost budgets.". The total budgeted expenditure for the HealthSMART Program remains at \$323 million.

### **Reasons for any increases from the original budget of \$323 million (2008-09 budget allocates an additional \$103.9 million to the project – please provide reasons for this increase)**

This budget allocation is not an additional allocation to the HealthSMART Program. The 2003-04 business case for the HealthSMART Program, which was endorsed by Government, included recognition that recurrent funding would be required to support the ongoing operation of the shared ICT service and maintenance of the shared ICT infrastructure, once it was established.

7. The \$103 million allocation comprises \$77 million in recurrent funding over 4 years to support the ongoing operation of the shared ICT service, and \$26.9 million in asset funding, also over 4 years, to maintain the shared ICT infrastructure.

### **Reasons for delays from original expected completion date of 2007**

The complexity and size of the program has necessitated a large investment of time for "preparatory" work (developing requirements, negotiating contracts, designing implementations). The involvement of several hundred health services professionals lengthened the procurement process, but has ensured that products have been selected "by agencies" as being "best fit" for the sector.

HealthSMART is a significant partnership between health care and government. In some cases, timelines have altered when health services have advised that they are not ready to implement for operational or financial reasons.

### ***Please outline how many agencies are within the scope of the HealthSMART Program, including the number which are targeted for the clinical systems roll-out***

Fourteen Metropolitan Health Services are within scope of the HealthSMART Program. Twenty one standalone Metropolitan Community Health Services and all rural and regional health services and community health services in the Loddon Mallee and Grampians Regions are within scope of the Program. Ten health services are in scope for the Clinical Systems.

**QUESTION 1.8**

**Response to Q10.1 - In relation to providing a summary of the funding provided through the budget that will be disseminated by the department through to the non-government sector in 2008-09, the department advised that 'the department's 2008-09 budget will be published in Budget Papers to be tabled in Parliament on 6 May 2008'. Please provide summary details of such funding for 2008-09.**

<b>Department of Human Services</b>	
<b>2008-09 Budgeted payments to Non-Government Organisations by output</b>	
	<b>(\$'000)</b>
Admitted Services	769.6
Non Admitted Services	15,130.5
Acute Training and Development	2,119.2
<b>Acute Health Services</b>	<b>18,019.3</b>
Clinical Care	62,394.4
Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services	71,477.2
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>133,872</b>
Aged Care Assessment	8,264.8
Aged Support Services	42,274.9
HACC Primary Health, Community Care and Support	429,897.4
Residential Aged Care	26,004.6
<b>Aged and Home Care</b>	<b>506,442</b>
Community Health Care	84,188.2
Dental Services	2,863.5
<b>Primary and Dental Health</b>	<b>87,052</b>
Small Rural Services - Acute Health	11,372.3
Small Rural Services - Aged Care	3,271.5
Small Rural Services - Home and Community Care	8,577.3
Small Rural Services - Primary Health	6,440.0
<b>Small Rural Services</b>	<b>29,661</b>
Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation	77,187.3
Drug Prevention and Control	14,067.4
<b>Drug Services</b>	<b>91,255</b>
Health Advancement	17,775.9
Health Protection	82,430.3
Public Health Development, Research and Support	4,155.6
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>104,362</b>

<b>Department of Human Services</b>	
<b>2008-09 Budgeted payments to Non-Government Organisations by output</b>	
	<b>(\$'000)</b>
Child Protection Specialist Services	32,921.3
Placement and Support Services	116,825.4
Statutory Child Protection Services	2,047.5
Family and Community Support	96,418.7
<b>Child Protection and Family Services</b>	<b>248,213</b>
Youth Justice Custodial Services	211.3
Community Based services	17,327.9
<b>Youth Justice and Youth Services</b>	<b>17,539</b>
Information, Planning and Capacity Building	38,256.0
Individual Support	398,736.0
Residential Accommodation Support	162,053.2
Targeted Services	47,507.3
<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>646,552</b>
Homelessness Assistance	138,440.3
Long Term Housing Assistance	98,600.6
<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>237,041</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,120,008</b>

Source: DHS Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.7-9

### QUESTION 1.9

**Response to Q11.1 - In relation to providing a summary of the funding provided through the budget and the financial impact of any revenue foregone initiatives, the department indicated in its response that the department's 2008-09 revenue initiatives will be published in Budget Papers to be tabled in Parliament on 6 May 2008. Please respond to matters referred to in Q11.1**

Nil revenue initiatives - Q11.1 (a) & (b).

## Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

### QUESTION 1.1

#### **Response to Q1.5:**

***In relation to 'New exports facilitated in regional Victoria' the department explained that the variance between the 2007/2008 expected outcome of \$520 million and the 2008/2009 target of \$150 million was that 'the 2007-08 expected outcome reflects a small number of larger export projects'.***

***(a) Please explain the background to this matter, given the significant reduction of new exports facilitated in regional Victoria.***

The target for New Exports facilitated in Regional Victoria for 2007/2008 was \$100 million. The expected outcome at the time of the PAEC hearing was \$520 million. The actual result for 2007/2008 was \$669 million which substantially exceeded the target. The high level of exports reflected unexpectedly strong export forecasts by several companies in the food, wine and resources sectors.

New exports can vary significantly from year to year as they are dependent on a range of factors including climatic conditions (e.g. drought), the currency exchange rate, other international financial factors and the extent of new regional investment. For this reason the Government will continue to take a cautious approach to setting export targets.

After due assessment, it has been considered appropriate to increase the target for new exports from regional Victoria from \$100 million to \$150 million for the 2008/2009 financial year.

The regional new export performance in 2007/2008 was particularly strong and well in excess of the target. The increase in the regional export target for 2008/2009 to \$150 million reflects the view of the Department that exports are expected to remain healthy, but unlikely to be of the level recorded in 2007/2008. While the actual regional export outcome in 2008/2009 may exceed the target, performance will, as indicated earlier, be dependent on a range of factors over which the Government has little control.

***(b) What will be the impact of this reduction to regional Victoria – please specify the regions to be affected?***

In considering the possible impact of any reduction on regional Victoria it should be noted that the performance measure relates to the facilitation of new Regional Exports and is not a measure of total Regional Exports. Hence, a reduction in new regional exports in a particular year does not imply that the actual export level has dropped, but rather that the rate of growth has slowed. New exports vary significantly from region to region as well as year to year and it is difficult to predict with any precision the changes in new export levels on a region by region basis. For this reason the performance measure is based on the regional aggregate.

## QUESTION 1.2

### Response to Question to Q2.2

**With regard to the list of asset investment projects that was provided by the department in relation to those projects for which capital expenditure was budgeted to occur in 2008-09, please provide the budget allocation for each.**

Innovation, Industry and Regional Development	2008-2009 Budget (\$'000)
Automotive Centre of Excellence - Kangan Batman (Docklands)	10,000
Commonwealth Games Village - Social Housing Component - Construction (Melbourne)	9,715
Gordon Institute - Wool Classing (East Geelong)	2,830
Improving TAFE Equipment (Various)	12,000
Nursing Centre of Excellence (Box Hill)	4,000
Princes Pier Restoration (Port Melbourne)	11,611
South West Institute of TAFE - Warrnambool Stage 3 redevelopment (Warrnambool)	2,500
Technical Education Centres (Various)	13,000
Transport and Logistics Centre (Planning) - Wodonga TAFE (Wodonga)	500
Ballarat University - School of Mines Car Park Redevelopment (Ballarat)	3,000
Bendigo Institute of TAFE - Charleston Road Campus Redevelopment (Bendigo)	800
Geelong Future Cities Master Plan - Cultural Precinct Stage 1 - Construction (Geelong)	1,964
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE - Campus Redevelopment Stage 1 (Epping)	2,950
TAFE Student Management System - Replacement (Statewide)	1,730
Wodonga Institute of TAFE - National Logistics and Driver Skills Training Centre (Wodonga)	4,000
<b>Total New Projects</b>	<b>80,600</b>

Source: DIIRD Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.2

## QUESTION 1.3

### Response to Q9.1

**As the response revealed that 'The budgets for communication, advertising and promotion for 2008/2009 are not yet finalised and so cannot be reported with great accuracy at this time. Figures provided represent estimates only. The estimate for communication, advertising and promotion 2008/2009 is \$6.67 million. The expected actual expenditure for communication, advertising and promotion for 2007/2008 for the Department until 31 March 2008 was \$4.05 million'.**

**Please supply the finalised information requested in question 9.1 of the 2008-2009 budget estimates questionnaire.**

The budget figures provided for communication, advertising and promotion for 2008/2009 remains provisional and total \$6.09 million.

Budgets are not yet finalised due to recent changes to the Departmental structure.

The actual expenditure for communication, advertising and promotion for 2007/2008 for the Department was \$ 7.89 million.

The Tourism Victoria budget for communication, advertising and promotion for 2008/2009 is currently \$ 50.2 million.

For 2007-08, Tourism Victoria's actual expenditure on the above activities was \$50 million.

#### **QUESTION 1.4**

##### ***Response to Q10.1***

***The response indicates that 'The total estimated funding to be paid to non-Government sector in 2008/2009 is \$327 million'.***

***Please provide a summary breakdown of this aggregate amount.***

The \$327 million referred to, is an estimate of the total funding/grants paid to non Government entities by the Departmental portfolio entities, and not just the Department. The major components of the \$327 million are as follows;

1. An estimated \$176 million relates to payments by the Department to non Government entities. These estimated payments will predominately relate to the Industries and Innovation, Investment & Trade and Regional Development output groups.
2. An estimated \$8 million relates to payments by Tourism Victoria to non Government entities. These estimated payments will relate to the Marketing Victoria output group.
3. An estimated \$132 million relates to payments by the Victorian Skills Commission to non Government entities. These estimated payments will relate to the Skills and Workforce output group.
4. An estimated \$11 million relates to payments by Film Victoria. to non Government entities. These estimated payments will relate to the Industries and Innovation output group.

#### **QUESTION 1.5**

##### ***Response to Q13.1***

***You provided a detailed breakdown of staff numbers for 30 June 2008. Can you please provide details of expected staff numbers according to pay grade and position type (eg. fixed term, ongoing, casual and funded vacancies) for June 2009.***

1. The estimated overall number of staff as at June 2009 will be 928.00 EFT. The expected decline in staff numbers will occur through attrition therefore, it is not possible to provide details of expected staff numbers by pay grade or position type.

## Department of Planning and Community Development

### QUESTION 1.1

#### *Response to Q9.1:*

***(a) The response revealed that 'the department does not have a central budget for communication , advertising and promotion . This activity is undertaken as part of policy and program work undertaken by the business areas with budget incorporated and approved via program allocations',***

***For comparative purposes with other departments, the Committee would appreciate the department considering whether it would be possible to provide an estimate to the Committee of a budget for this item if possible.***

#### ***Additional Response to Question 1.1***

Expenditure for the Department on communication, advertising and promotion for the 2008-09 year is estimated to be \$3.8 million. This is lower than last financial year due to machinery of government changes with the movement of employment programs and community information to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

Expenditure on communications, advertising and promotion for the 2007-08 year was \$4 million, compared to the estimate of \$3.8 million provided in the original response.

**QUESTION 1.2**

**Response to Q10.1**

***In relation to providing a summary of the funding provided through the budget that will be disseminated by the department through to the non-government sector in 2008-09, the department advised that 'in relation to the grant and other payments line, Included within the operating statement of the Department is an estimated amount of funding to the non government sector of \$145.7 million.'***

***Please provide summary breakdown of such funding for 2008-09.***

***Additional Response to Question 1.2***

<b>DPCD Output</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Planning, Urban Design & Housing Affordability	2,554
Youth Affairs	14,310
Womens Policy	200
Disability	2,502
Multicultural Affairs	9,284
Seniors and Veterans	5,445
Indigenous Community and Cultural Development	3,590
Adult and Community Education	20,152
Sport & Recreation Development	41,895
Community Strengthening	18,227
Local Government Sector Development	4,884
Neighbourhood Houses and Men's Sheds	22,623
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,666</b>

Source: DPCD Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.3

## Department of Parliamentary Services

### QUESTION 1.1

#### **Response to Q2.2**

***You identified a number of asset investment projects for which capital expenditure is budgeted to occur in 2008-09. Can you please provide the envisaged expenditure amounts pertaining to each of these projects for 2008-09.***

***Please provide the budget for each of the asset investment projects where capital expenditure is expected to occur in 2008-09***

Heritage Asset Management Strategy \$ 4.549 Million

***What is the expected timeframe for the delivery of video webcasting of Parliamentary proceedings, and what is the expected cost of delivery of the video webcasting component of the project? Please provide a copy of the project plans for the project (both the audio and video webcasting components).***

In August 2007 the Premier announced that funding would be provided for the live audio broadcasting of all sessions of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, Providing Victorians with web based access to Parliament and its processes is an important part of the Government's openness and transparency program.

Audio webcasting commenced on 19 August 2008 with a capital cost of approx. \$120K and operating expenditure in year one of an anticipated \$160K.

Parliament has requested funding for video webcasting over the past two (2) ERC processes. Webcasting will allow Members, Electorate Officers and the general public access to the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, including question times, via the internet. It will also bring the Victorian Parliament into line with all Australian parliaments which are either currently providing the service or are in the process of developing provision of the service.

The project is structured into the following stages:

1. The provision of audio webcasting of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council by 19 August 2008;
2. The provision of videowebcasting of the Legislative Assembly; and
3. The provision of video webcasting of the Legislative Council.

Note: No provision has been made for any archival and/or automated storage and retrieval processes as Parliament's experience is, based on knowledge obtained from the Commonwealth Parliament, that these services and systems are very expensive and complex and should be the subject of a separate future project. The Commonwealth budget has been estimated at \$4M for the archival and storage processes.

The project commencement was subject to the completion of the current Chamber Sound Replacement Project.

Parliament is in the final stages of this project to upgrade the audio capture infrastructure in both chambers of Parliament to provide a 'clean' stream of digital sound for Hansard and future video webcasting purposes. This project has required the implementation of more refined digital sound processing, IT infrastructure upgrades, communication and storage infrastructure, development of web interface within the constraints of stringent parliamentary security requirements and developing the skills and resource base needed to webcast both chambers during sitting periods.

The experience of Australian parliaments is that 'turn-key' solutions are not available at present and as such each has implemented solutions that are particular to their needs and environment. The Victorian Parliament has also the added complexity of operating in a heritage environment. This has meant that Victorian Parliament has had to develop its webcasting capability from scratch.

### **Audio webcasting**

Audio webcasting of the proceedings of both Houses went live on 19 August 2008 as per the project plan and in accordance with the commitment made to the Premier in late January 2008.

### **Video Webcasting**

The estimated cost for the provision of video webcasting of the Legislative Assembly ( Stage 2) is \$2.11 M:

- Output funding : \$0.25M (operating); and
- Investment funding : \$ 1.85M (capital).

The estimated cost for the provision of video webcasting of the Legislative Council ( Stage 3) is \$1.19M:

- Output funding : \$0.10M (operating); and
- Investment funding : \$ 1.09M (capital).

Most of the output funding requirements relate to specialised skills along with an increase in the workload resulting from video processing and hence increased staffing needs.

### **Webcasting Key milestones**

The project plan objective has been to have live audio webcasting of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council by 19 August 2008. The deadline has been met.

The other key milestones are:

- Video webcasting of the Legislative Assembly to be completed during the 2009 - 10 financial year; and
- Video webcasting of the Legislative Council to be completed during the 2010-2011 financial year.

Due to the public commitments made by the Premier about the webcasting of Parliamentary proceedings the Presiding Officers approved the project and the Department of Parliamentary Services has the carriage of the project to its completion.

**Budget Paper 3, pg. 267 - the following measure is included , 'Audibility of Parliamentary Audio Transmission' = 99%**

**Please detail how this measure will be assessed.**

Audibility of the parliamentary audio transmission is measured by the availability of audio within the chambers and the re-broadcast system within the precinct, and by periodic customer feedback.

#### **QUESTION 1.2**

**Response to Q2.3**

**What are the timelines for the development and completion of the Parliamentary Precinct Master Plan?**

**Response:**

The Parliamentary Precinct MasterPlan is currently subject to a Request for Expressions of Interest (RoI) to identify suitable organisations to undertake the development of the Plan. Time line for the completion of the Plan is subject to the level and type of response from the market.

#### **QUESTION 1.3**

**Response to Q2.4**

The response indicates that for the Output Initiative dealing with the Relocation and Refurbishment of Electorate Offices, 'Additional funding was provided in 2007-08 for a number of relocations and refurbishments that were required for Members offices as a result of the November 2006 election. A number of Members have been relocated or had their existing offices refurbished, however due to issues in sourcing suitable premises a number of relocations are still to take place. Funding of \$0.5 million is requested for carryover to 2008-09 to allow these relocations and refurbishments to take place'.

**Please provide:**

- (a) a list of those relocations and refurbishments that are still to take place; and**
- (b) the timetable for when each is to be completed.**

Please see attached project plan diagram provided as Appendix 1.

#### **QUESTION 1,4**

##### **Response to Q6.1 (a)**

***The response indicates that in relation to the key environmental issues that are predicted to have an impact on services delivered by the department's portfolios in 2008-09, the Parliament of Victoria is currently developing a sustainability framework in conjunction with Sustainability Victoria.***

##### **(a) What are the main components of the sustainability framework?**

The Sustainability Framework follows the structure developed through Parliament's participation in Sustainability Victoria's ResourceSmart Pilot. The Framework, currently in Draft for Consultation, is posted on Parliament's intranet site for staff comment. (<http://intranet.parlynet.vic.gov.au/default.htm>)

Subject to staff feedback, it is expected that the Framework will be approved by PEG and the Presiding Officers by October 2008.

##### **(b) What outcomes are to be achieved from this exercise?**

To improve the environmental sustainability of the operations of the 3 Parliamentary departments.

##### **(c) What are the timelines for the completion of this project?**

Sustainability is not a project. It is intended that an approach aimed at improving the sustainability of the Parliament's operations will be adopted on an on-going basis.

#### **QUESTION 1.5**

##### **Response to Q6.2**

***The response indicates that systems are being developed to assist with enhanced energy reporting'.***

##### **(a) Please describe these systems**

Until recently Parliament lacked the ability to record, monitor, report and analyse data on energy usage. By modifications to Oracle Financials, and by developing Excel-based databases, the ability to track, aggregate, report and analyse energy usage and carbon emissions has been developed.

##### **(b) What costs are involved?**

No additional costs incurred. Completed with existing staff and resources.

##### **(c) What are the timelines for completion?**

Completed.

## **2. FOLLOW-UP OF OUTSTANDING MATERIAL FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **QUESTION 2.1**

#### ***Report on the 2007-08 Budget Estimates Part Three***

***In relation to the response received to the Committee's 2007-08 Estimates Questionnaire dealing with departmental savings (Q7), Parliamentary Departments advised that 'The Department of Parliamentary Services is in discussion with Vicfleet and the Department of Treasury and Finance to undertake a review of the current Member of Parliament Motor Vehicle expenditure to see if any cost savings can be generated. As this is a review (not yet commenced), the Parliament is unable to quantify the possible cost savings that may be generated . Various areas within the Member of Parliament Motor Vehicle Plan will be investigated to see if any cost savings can be generated'.***

***Please provide an update of the outcome of this review and the impact on the budget.***

A review has not been undertaken. DPS is in ongoing discussions with VicFleet on measures to improve cost effectiveness of the fleet management.

**QUESTION 2.2**

***Outcomes questionnaire response received 19 November 2007 for the 2006-07 outcomes inquiry***

***Question 10.3 from the outcomes questionnaire***

***What were the salary costs for the categories of ongoing, fixed term and casual staff for 2005- 06 and 2006-07?***

Due to the significant level of resources required to answer this question, the Parliament was unable to complete this question in the timeframe required by the committee.

We will forward this information once it has been completed.

<b>2005-06</b>					
	<b>Permanent</b>	<b>Fixed Term</b>	<b>Casual</b>	<b>Sessional</b>	<b>Total</b>
Legislative Council	\$1,528,851.36	\$1,270,441.46	\$-		\$2,799,292.82
DPS	\$6,387,376.69	\$381,478.63	\$475,506.98	\$578,279.32	\$7,822,641.62
Legislative Assembly	\$2,602,931.60	\$688,524.73	\$6,618.50		\$3,298,074.83
MP's	\$16,865,230.29	\$-	\$-		\$16,865,230.29
Electorate Officers	\$10,690,776.00	\$24,514.87	\$1,082,106.98		\$11,797,397.85
					\$42,582,637.41
<b>2006-07</b>					
	<b>Permanent</b>	<b>Fixed Term</b>	<b>Casual</b>	<b>Sessional</b>	<b>Total</b>
Legislative Council	\$1,675,443.19	\$1,073,439.90	\$15,247.57		\$2,764,130.66
DPS	\$6,473,787.80	\$503,055.94	\$426,018.66	\$498,266.73	\$7,901,129.13
Legislative Assembly	\$2,594,548.02	\$507,498.64	\$18,654.04		\$3,120,700.70
MP's	\$17,094,026.37	\$-	\$-		\$17,094,026.37
Electorate Officers	\$11,811,017.50	\$160,322.11	\$1,554,840.12		\$13,526,179.73
					\$44,406,166.59

Source: *DPS Questionnaire response, September 2008, p.5*

**QUESTION 10.4**

***From the outcomes questionnaire***

***In terms of the department's salaries and wages expense for 2006-07, provide a breakdown between the aggregate expenditure incurred on administration compared to direct service delivery (provide comparative figures for 2005-06).***

***Please provide a breakdown for the department 's 10 largest programs***

Due to the significant level of resources required to answer this question, the Parliament was unable to complete this question in the timeframe required by the Committee.

We will forward this information once it has been completed.

***Please provide a response to these questions.***

All staff within the Parliamentary Departments are employed to provide service delivery to MP's including a significant proportion employed only during sitting days. All Electorate Officers are employed to assist MP's in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties.



## Department of Premier and Cabinet

### QUESTION 1.1

#### Response to Q2.4

The department advised that 'Departments can apply to carry forward up to 3% of their recurrent budget. Carry forward in relation to the capital program is usually determined on individual projects. A final carry forward amount is not finalised until the end of the financial year, therefore at this stage no precise figure has been formalised'.

When finalised information is available, please provide a response to Q2.4

Answer –

**DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET**  
**2007-2008 to 2008-2009 TOTAL ESTIMATED CARRYOVER REQUIRED BY FUND SOURCE**

Appropriation	State Funds \$'000	Commonwealth Funds \$'000	Total \$'000
Provision of outputs ( <i>section 29 of the Financial Management Act 1994 applies</i> )	6,710,000	0	6,710,000
Additions to the net asset base ( <i>section 29 of the Financial Management Act 1994 applies</i> )	5,900,000	0	5,900,000
Payments on behalf of the State	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,610,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,610,000</b>

**QUESTION 1.2**

The department advised that ‘Advertising and communications activities are not independent of program and policy development, implementation and evaluation. As such, it is not a stand alone budget item, but rather the advertising and communications expenditure is formulated as part of an overall program delivery or output as required by the Government’s Output-Based Management Framework.

a) For comparative purposes with other departments, the Committee would appreciate the department considering whether it would be possible to provide an estimate to the Committee of a budget for this item if possible.

b) Given that the response identified the actual expenditure for the 9 months ended 31 March 2008, please provide the expected actual expenditure for 2007-08.

**Answer –**

a) Advertising and communications activities are not independent of program and policy development, implementation and evaluation. As such, it is not a stand alone budget item but rather the advertising and communications expenditure is formulated as part of an overall program delivery or output as required by the Government’s Output-Based Management Framework. For this reason, estimated annual budgets are not determined in advance.

**b) Actual Expenditure DPC including Arts Victoria**

Campaign media expenditure (as monitored through MAMS contract)	\$ 2,764,313
Campaign advertising services expenditure	\$ 601,744
Functional media expenditure (eg: tenders, public notices as monitored through MAMS contract)	\$ 108,983
Functional production (as monitored through MAMS contract)	\$ 2,255
<u>Advertising and Promotion</u> Defined as communication agency services, production, design, print collateral and sponsorship	\$ 422,870

NB: Expenditure quoted excludes Arts and Portfolio Agencies.

**QUESTION 1.3**

**Response to Q10.1**

In relation to providing a summary of the funding provided through the budget that will be disseminated by the department through to the non-government sector in 2008-09, the department advised that 'at the time of completion of the questionnaire, the 2008-09 budget had not been finalised'.

Please provide a summary of the funding for 2008-09.

**Answer –**

The funding that will be disseminated by Arts Victoria to the non-government sector during 2008-09 is as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Touring Victoria	\$590,000
International - Project	\$720,000
Indigenous Arts Development	\$100,000
Arts Development	\$1,630,000
Local Partnerships - Touring	\$545,000
Victoria Rocks (including World Music Expo)	\$1,010,000
Organisations - Annual Operations	\$300,000
Festivals	\$600,000
Organisations - Multi-year	\$18,955,000
Organisations - Major Performing Arts	\$6,710,000
Creating Place & Space fund - Infrastructure Grants	\$70,000
NGO Maintenance	\$560,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,790,000</b>

**QUESTION 1.4**

**Response to Q13.1**

You provided a detailed breakdown of staff numbers for 30 June 2008. Can you please provide details of expected staff numbers according to pay grader and position type (eg. Fixed term, ongoing, casual, funded vacancies) for 30 June 2009.

**Answer –**

The Department does not anticipate any significant change to the staffing profile from that applied at the year end June 2008.