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The Hon Phillip Davis MP
Chairman
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Davis

**BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
MINISTER FOR FINANCE PORTFOLIO**

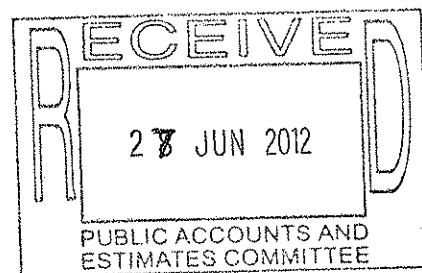
Thank you for your letter dated 7 June 2012 requesting response to the question taken on notice during the 18 May 2012 Budget Estimates hearing for the Assistant Treasurer portfolio.

Please find enclosed the response to this question.

Yours sincerely

THE HON GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS MLC
Assistant Treasurer

Attach.



ATTACHMENT: QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
ASSISTANT TREASURER PORTFOLIO

1. If possible, please quantify the budget for the bullying prevention unit in WorkSafe in 2011-12 and 2012-13?

The Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) has a field force of approximately 200 Inspectors that can make initial enquiries regarding workplace bullying matters before referring them on to the specialist Workplace Bullying Prevention Unit (WBPU).

The WBPU's budget for 2011-12 consists of staffing and other costs (travel, uniforms, etc.).

In 2011-12 the WBPU had a budget of \$1.3 million.

In 2012-13 the WBPU will become part of a new Psycho-social Hazards Unit (PHU).

In 2012-13 the PHU has a budget of \$2.2 million.

The figures above for both years do not include general administration support, which is budgeted for at the larger divisional level and is unable to be provided at the individual unit level.

