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Dear Mr Davis 

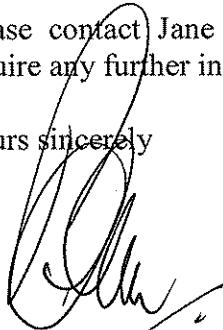
2012-13 BUDGET ESTIMATES – FURTHER INFORMATION

Thank you for your letter dated 7 June 2012 regarding the Budget Estimates – further information request.

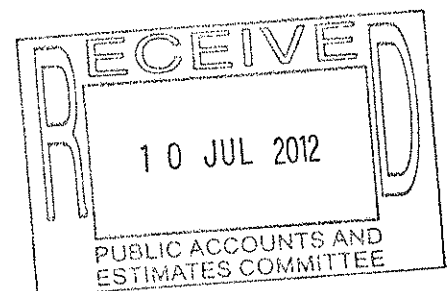
Please find enclosed the response to the Question on Notice relating to the Regional and Rural Development portfolio.

Please contact Jane Sweeney, Director Corporate Strategy on 9208 3718 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



PETER RYAN MLA
Deputy Premier of Victoria
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**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS 2012-13**

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE HEARINGS

REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Please supply the names and values of the top five regional blueprint programs that were funded in 2011-12 that are not going to be funded for 2012-13.
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Response:

There were five initiatives in the Regional Blueprint that were funded from 2010-11 to 2011-12 and are not being continued in 2012-13:

	Program	Value
1.	Better Regional Roads	\$60 million
2.	Bush Tender	\$4 million
3.	Young Farmer First Farm Grants	\$2 million (The \$2 million was fully committed in 2010-11. DPI secured an additional \$1.2 million in the 2011-12 State Budget, which has also been fully committed)
4.	Improving Liveability for Older People	\$1.5 million
5.	Young Agribusiness Professionals	\$200,000

These programs were all two year initiatives in the document "Ready for Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Regional Victoria" released in June 2010, and were all scheduled to conclude in 2011/12.

