



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
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Budget estimates and COVID-19 response hearings start this Friday

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee will commence a series of public hearings this Friday, 27 November 2020.

To be streamed live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#), the public hearings will consider the Victorian Government's budget estimates for 2020-21. The Committee will also continue its examination of the Victorian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These combined hearings will provide the Committee with the opportunity to question Ministers and departmental representatives on their spending plans for the year ahead," Committee Chair Lizzie Blandthorn said.

"At the same time, they will allow us to take further evidence about the response to the pandemic so that we can conclude that investigation," she said.

The full schedule for the hearings is available from the Committee's [website](#).

To be broadcast from Queen's Hall at Parliament House, it is the first time that the budget estimates hearings have been held there.

"These hearings are an important accountability mechanism for Parliament," Ms Blandthorn said.

"We want to ensure that they can be held in accordance with the relevant health requirements. At the same time, the live broadcast will enable people across Victoria to view them."

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