



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
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Parliamentary inquiry begins into COVID-19 response

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee has commenced a public inquiry into the Victorian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the terms of reference for the inquiry, the Committee will consider the effectiveness of the Victorian Government approach in responding to this crisis.

"We will be questioning government ministers and departments about the actions they have taken during this emergency, and we will also be hearing from experts and representative organisations for those parts of our community who have been most impacted." Committee Chair Lizzie Blandthorn said.

The first round of public hearings will be held from 12 to 14 May and will focus on the Government's health response and the impact of COVID-19 on Victoria's economy. Further public hearings will be held from 18 to 20 May, with a focus on education, justice and community safety, transport, and housing.

The hearings will be live streamed on the Parliament of Victoria [website](#) and rebroadcasting will be available. Details of the hearings will be posted to the Committee's [website](#).

"The Committee has had a long-term role in scrutinising the actions of government agencies. Using our experience to review the actions taken in response to this emergency will help to ensure accountability to the Parliament," Ms Blandthorn said.

The Committee will report its findings to Parliament by 31 July and 31 October 2020.

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