Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the Victorian Government’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Hon Lisa Neville MP

Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Minister for the Coordination of Environment, Water, Land and Planning – COVID-19

Wednesday 16 December 2020
COVID-19 Emergency Management – Timeline

25 January
First case in Victoria

10 March
SCC activated at Tier 2

16 March
State of Emergency declared

23 March
Stage 1 restrictions

26 March
Stage 2 restrictions

30 March
Operation Ribbon commences

1 July
Stage 3 restrictions commence

13 April
Operation Ribbon commences

13 September
Metro Melbourne roadmap First Step – Expanded social interaction. Regional Vic roadmap Second Step

2 August
State of Disaster declared. Stage 4 restrictions commenced. Mandatory face coverings in Vic

19 October
Melbourne restrictions eased, 5km limit extended to 25 km

21 October
Travel to regional Vic for fire preparedness permitted

27 October
Melbourne roadmap Third Step, from “stay home” to “stay safe”

7 December
Flights resume

8 November
State of Disaster expired. Metro-regional boundary and 25km limit removed. Hospitality capacity

16 September
Regional Vic roadmap Third Step – increased reopening

22 July
Mandatory face coverings in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire. Operation Vestige commences

28 July
Enhanced state control and coordination arrangements

28 September
Metropolitan Melbourne moves to the Second Step with social bubbles, phased return of some workforces and education. Curfew restrictions ends.

30 November
CQV established
COVID-19 Quarantine Victoria

Ministerial responsibility for the hotel quarantine program moved to the Police and Emergency Services portfolio on 27 November 2020

Flights and the quarantining of returned travellers resumed 7 December.

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Data current as at 11PM Monday 14 December
Summary of police effort over COVID response

Victoria Police have made a significant contribution to the COVID response effort:

1,071
Police officers to Operation Sentinel since March

533,896
Number of spot checks

2,659,060
Number of cars checked at vehicle check points

10
Key Operations led by/involving Victoria Police
Victoria Police have continued to adapt their response to public health need.
Victoria Police have continued to respond and get ahead of crime during Covid-19
Emergency Management Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Class 1** emergency major fire or any other major emergency for which FRV, CFA or VICSES is the control agency, as designated under the SEMP. Emergency Management Commissioner appoints state response controllers.

2. **Class 2** major emergency which is not a Class 1 emergency or a Class 3 emergency. Includes major emergencies such as a pandemic, transport disruption, animal or plant disease, major electricity outage, water disruption, and food contamination. Control agency is designated under the SEMP. Officer in charge of the control agency appoints a state controller.

3. **Class 3** security emergency including warlike act or act of terrorism, siege or riot. Class 3 emergency may also be referred to as security emergencies.
## Emergency Management – Key Achievements

| **437** | Consecutive days State Control Centre activated for (as at 16 December 2020) |
| **$4.72m** | PPE procured and facilitated the sharing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across non-health departments and agencies. |
| **Person-Group-Icon** | Established enhanced operational arrangements and revised membership of the State Control Team (SCT) and the State Coordination Team (SCOT) to oversee multiple operations. |
| **Fire-Flood-Icon** | Developed policy arrangements and shared operational protocols for operating in a COVID environment, to ensure emergency management activities are as effective as possible during the upcoming fire and flood season, with the potential for concurrent emergencies over the coming months. |
| **Sun-Icon** | Developed and implemented a Summer Plan for Public Safety on Public Land and Waterways in preparation for the summer season. |
| **$19.468m** | Funding to expand the SCC workforce, with 46 additional FTE base staff, and to provide a holistic review of the EM Operating Model to ensure efficient and effective management of future emergencies. |
Coordination of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Key initiatives to date include:

• Establishing a Building Victoria’s Recovery Taskforce to help keep Victoria’s building and development industry operational as well as revamping the planning system to boost economic recovery and jobs

• Supporting Working for Victoria and investing significantly in clean energy to generating thousands of job opportunities across the state

• Ensuring hardship provisions are aligned with national principles where relevant and are in place for those in need across water and energy

• Supporting entities and organisations that have been hardest hit by the restrictions, including support to Alpine resorts and committees of management in addition to Zoos Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Park

• Supporting Victorians to manage their energy bills with increased solar PV installations and the largest household energy efficiency package in the State’s history

• Developing and supporting new ways of working with the community that keeps staff and all Victorians who rely on them, safe
Thank you.