Public Accounts and Estimates Committee | Inquiry into the 2019-20 Budget Estimates

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Committee member:	Mr R Riordán
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Written Questions on Notice provided by Richard Riordan MP

How are you responding to the recent Auditor-General report on regional development funding?

REFERENCE: Budget Paper 3, page 8 **QUESTION:**

- There is budget commitment to plan the Sea to Summit hiking trail. When can we expect this trail to be constructed and opened?
- How many jobs are expected to be generated in constructing and maintaining the trail?

Answer:

- This initiative contributes to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Management of Public Land and Forests output.
- I am advised that \$1.5 million has been committed over four years to undertake planning of the Sea to Summit Walk. This will include detailed planning for construction and opening of the trail.
- Detailed planning for the walk will include assessment of the economic value of trail options to the regional economy of East Gippsland, including future job opportunities.