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Mr D O'BRIEN: Do you anticipate any job reductions in the forward year, 2022–23, or any early retirements or redundancy payments?

Ms JONES: Mr O'Brien, the Secretary might want to speak more broadly to this, but this is part of a broader savings initiative process that we are working through now to achieve some savings. We are in a process of working through that with staff, but I might refer it to the Secretary.

Mr D O'BRIEN: I am interested in RDV specifically. Perhaps you could take that on notice.

Mr PHEMISTER: Yes, it is publicly available. The ATO has the ERP, so we can certainly package that up for you.

Answer:

The department is currently in consultation regarding proposed workforce changes, as per the EBA and VPS policies. Final structures will not be determined until the consultation period has concluded, at which point final impact to positions will be known.

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Mr D O'BRIEN: Can I perhaps move on, and maybe to Ms Jones again. I think, Minister, you referenced 110 projects in the RJIF. Can we get a list of those projects, including the grant funding levels, where they are available—and I will have the argument over commercial in confidence another time, but at the very least what the organisation is and where possible the grant funding?

Ms JONES: Certainly, Mr O'Brien. I believe most of that is on our website, but we can certainly provide that.

Answer:

There are currently 110 grants approved under the Regional Jobs & Infrastructure Fund.

A full list of projects funded by Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund can be viewed on the RDV website located here: https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund.