

Entity-specific questionnaire – Department of Premier and Cabinet

1. Economic Outlook

The 2016-17 Budget notes that “In 2014-15, GSP per capita grew by 0.7 per cent and growth is expected to continue over the forward estimates. Keeping economic growth ahead of population growth is critical to ensuring all Victorians benefit from economic growth, and relies on greater employment and increased productivity.” (2016-17 Budget Paper 2, pp.2-3)

Please outline the measures the Department of Premier and Cabinet is taking to increase Victoria’s GSP per capita.

Response:

DPC’s role is to identify opportunities and advise government on ways in which GSP and employment can be increased, including identifying and developing new initiatives. The 2016-17 Victorian Budget announced investments in a range of initiatives that build on the strong increase in Victorian employment and enhance Victoria’s position as a centre of economic growth. DPC will work with all departments to implement 2016-17 Budget initiatives that:

- will further enhance Victoria’s attractiveness as an investment destination through the \$116 million Investment Attraction and Assistance Program that will facilitate job creation and private capital investment across the State;
- reduce the tax burden on business by increasing the payroll tax exemption threshold from \$550,000 to \$650,000, allowing businesses to expand, invest and employ more Victorians;
- will improve the longer term productivity and liveability of Melbourne and regional Victoria through up to \$12.4 billion in new infrastructure investment ;
- help people find employment more quickly and ensure disadvantaged Victorians remain engaged in the labour market with \$53 million to establish Jobs Victoria;
- support higher education, training and skills for workers and students through a \$49 million new investment.

2. Departmental objective indicators

Annual reports are required to report results for departmental objective indicators and hence demonstrate how the department is making progress towards its objectives. What quantified data, if any, does the Department of Premier and Cabinet intend to publish for its departmental objective indicators in its 2016-17 Annual Report?

Response:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will report on progress towards objectives and associated indicators by continuing to report against its outputs and relevant performance measures aligned to the overarching objectives. The department collects a range of quantified data as specified in the 2016-17 Budget Paper 3 (BP3), pp. 287-305. Quantifiable performance measure data from BP3 for

the current financial year and the previous two financial years are included to highlight the progress achieved by the department towards its objective indicators. Some examples include quantity measures for:

- Meetings, forums, consultations held
- Ceremonies conducted
- Briefs prepared, publications or reports released
- Attendance figures for events
- Public usage of records
- Reviews or investigations completed.

3. Reconciliation between Parliamentary authority for the provision of outputs and total income from transactions

The Department advised the total Parliamentary authority for the provision of outputs (\$593.1 million) in Q.20 of the Committee's General Questionnaire. This compares with total income from transactions of \$598.2 million (BP3 p.290). Please identify:

- a) the sources for differences in these figures
- b) whether these sources are in or out of the public account
- c) where the difference between funds appropriated for the provision of outputs and total income from transactions is intended to be spent.

Response:

The figures provided in DPC's response to Question 20 of the Committee's General Questionnaire match the figures in the parliamentary authority for resources table prepared by DTF and published in Table 2.19 of BP3, p.290. In response to the specific questions above:

- a) The source of the difference in the figures is within the 'trust fund' amount of \$27.2m in Table 2.19 of BP3, p.290. This amount is understated by \$5.1m and primarily relates to grant revenue DPC is expected to receive for *Getting ready for the NDIS* and *Positioning Victoria as the Leader in Asia Capability* initiatives.
- b) This source of revenue will be in the public account.
- c) The majority of the \$5.1m (identified in (a) above) is intended to be spent on *Getting ready for the NDIS* and *Positioning Victoria as the Leader in Asia Capability* initiatives.

4. Projects Victoria

Please provide a short update on the establishment of Projects Victoria. Please include:

- a) an update on the intended role for Projects Victoria
- b) the anticipated date of Projects Victoria's establishment.

Response:

Projects Victoria will support project development and delivery by providing advice on capital investment decisions, overseeing all major projects and improving project delivery capability across Government. Projects Victoria will also include the Victorian Chief Engineer, who will provide expert

advice on technical readiness and execution of all major infrastructure projects. It is anticipated that Projects Victoria will be established before the end of this financial year.