

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Workplace Safety
Witness:	Mr Simon Phemister
Committee Member:	James Newbury
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Relevant extract:

Mr NEWBURY: We saw that there was a \$245 million cost in relation to the sick pay guarantee. Have you got any data on the cost of establishing the scheme—so out of that money how much it is costing to establish—and then any information on the ongoing costs as a breakdown?

Mr PHEMISTER: For the 2021–22 year, Mr Newbury, I can take on notice. That is the \$32.9 million. For the ongoing administration costs, which are marginal, that is split between ourselves and our colleagues over at Service Victoria, but I am happy to take that on notice and get that back to you.

Answer:

The Victorian Government has committed \$245.7 million for a two-year pilot to improve the economic security for Victorian workers. Funding will cover up to 24 months of payments for Phase 1 occupations and ongoing program administration costs.

Program administration funding is aligned with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF)'s *Investment principles for discretionary grants* of ensuring the administration cost to government is kept to five per cent of the overall program budget.