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Sarah Connolly MP
Chair
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Via email: paec@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Connolly,

I write to provide further information following Mr Danny O'Brien's question on forensic counselling services in Frankston at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee inquiry into Budget Estimates.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to improving outcomes for people with substance use and addiction issues and building a strong and sustainable alcohol and other drugs (AOD) services workforce. Additional funding of \$255.1 million over four years has been committed in the 2023-24 Victorian State Budget to continue and increase Victoria's essential AOD services.

This year's budget includes funding for the forensic stream of AOD services through accessible and flexible online and community-based treatment options. This funding will help to maintain critical services and assist with managing the demand for forensic AOD services, including in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula catchment, as per Budget Paper 3, page 54 & 60.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,


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