

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

Portfolio:	Innovation Medical Research and Digital Economy
Witness:	Hon Jaala Pulford
Committee Member:	Mr James Newbury
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Mr NEWBURY: So as in is there any work either through the government or in partnership in that space?

Ms PULFORD: Yes. So our department not other than assessing research grant applications and then executing funding agreements, but out of the \$30 million of COVID research there is certainly work underway in that program undertaken by organisations like the Doherty and the Burnet around rapid testing.

Mr NEWBURY: Is there anything, you know, in terms of updates I am sure there is stuff that you cannot share, but is there anything that you can share in relation to that work?

Ms PULFORD: I think those organisations would be better placed to share with you their latest discovery, but if we are in a position to provide some further advice to the committee, we can.

Mr NEWBURY: On notice. That would be terrific.

### **Answer:**

Since March 2020, the Victorian Government has committed \$31 million of funding to support more than 17 medical research projects that explore the development of treatments and responses that address the impacts of COVID-19.

Further information on projects that have been funded can be found at:

<https://djpr.vic.gov.au/about-us/news/medical-research-grant-recipients-announced>