

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

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Witness:	Minister Mikakos
Committee member:	Mr O'Brien – asked the question
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### Relevant text

1. [In relation to funding allocated for responding to people's end-of-life choices] Can you provide some further detail about the October 2018 funding and how that was apportioned across regional services?

### Answer

N.B. answer was provided on **p. 9** of the Health hearing transcript.

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2. In addition to what Minister Mikakos outlined on pages 14 and 15, can you [the Minister] provide any initiatives in this year's budget to address obesity?

**Answer**

Please refer to **Question 21** asked in writing for the department to respond.

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3. Secretary, of the 250 dental vans that have been described, how many will be screening vans and how many will be treated vans?

**Answer**

Current modelling assumes up to 96 treatment vans and 154 examination vans. We are doing a 'proof of concept' to test demand for different kinds of services in Term 3, 2019 – six months ahead of the timing announced in the election commitment. This will enable a more accurate estimate of the ratio of screening and treatment vans.

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4. In regards to the 10 dental vehicles, can you detail what sort of truck it is, and what is its capacity and tonnage?

**Answer**

Dental Health Services Victoria advises the following:

- Examination vehicle: Hyundai I-Crew 2 tonne van
- Treatment vehicle: Iveco 50C17 4.5 tonne truck.

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5. Can you provide a break-down of the cost of each dental vehicle?

Were the dental vans quoted before going into build?

**Answer**

Treatment vehicles were sourced through a direct request for quote to one supplier before going to build, and a quote was provided. In 2017, Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) conducted a successful public tender for a mobile clinic with the contract awarded to G.H. Varley Pty Ltd to supply a single mobile dental vehicle. Based on the successful delivery of this previous project, and the tight timeline to ensure readiness for the proof of concept, DHSV engaged G.H. Varley Pty Ltd to supply the first 10 treatment dental vehicles for the 'proof of concept'.

Procurement for the fleet to deliver the full program will go to tender. The examination vehicles are being leased through VicFleet.

Quoted costs cannot be provided as they are Commercial-in-Confidence.

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6. Where will the dental vans be garaged?

**Answer**

The vans will be stored at Dental Health Services Victoria and local dental agencies when not in service at schools.

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7. Can you confirm that the baby bundle is supplied and distributed by a Victorian company?

#### Answer

The Andrews Labor Government has committed \$213.7 million to provide more help for new Victorian mums and dads through a comprehensive package of supports for parents, including first-time parents, during the transition to parenthood and the first years of their child's life.

The \$21.9 million baby bundle project is one of these supports. The baby bundle will contain practical resources such as picture books, a teething toy, a nappy bag, a safe sleeping bag, a cotton wrap, a grow suit, a first-aid kit, sun hat, baby toothbrush and information on child health, safety and learning.

The baby bundle aims to help first-time parents to support their children's learning and development through regular reading and playtime, and connect parents to available evidence-based support and advice.

Every effort has been made to source and include locally owned products by Victorian companies. Nearly all the products in the baby bundle have been supplied from local, Victorian owned businesses.

All contents of the bundle meet Australian Safety Standards.

Procurement of the baby bundle is being conducted in two stages.

For stage 1, a sole source approach was undertaken to an end to end supplier who has experience in distributing something of this size and scale. The baby bundles are being packed and distributed to all Victorian maternity hospitals by an Australian-owned small business (Baobag Pty Ltd, based in NSW but who also have a Victorian office base).

For Stage 2, Victorian-owned companies are encouraged to respond to the open-market Request for Tender (RFT) which will be made available publicly in mid-July.

Priority will be given to Australian-made/Australian-owned products, with a preference for Victorian-made/Victorian-owned products (Local Jobs First).

Stage 2 of the RFT also includes social and sustainable procurement. Preference will be given to those who deliver social and sustainable outcomes that benefit Victorian communities, particularly those companies purchasing from suppliers that offer employment to Victorians with a disability or that promote women's equality and safety.

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8. How does the government's improved investment in palliative care apply to community-based palliative care?

### Answer

We are investing \$10.8 of the \$72 million on community palliative care in 2019-20 and \$45.35 million over four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23.

This includes:

- \$7.0 million to support metropolitan community palliative care providers to respond to growing demand
- \$1.0 million to support initiatives that improve access to palliative care for residents in aged care services
- \$2.8 million to support a range of palliative care service innovation and development projects. This funding will support community palliative care services across the state to work collaboratively with hospitals and other community groups to improve client and carer outcomes. It will enable services to develop and test new models of care and system enablers aimed at supporting services to explore ways to champion better integration between acute, community and primary palliative care providers.

Over the forward estimates the allocation for community palliative care is:

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Community palliative care funding	10.823	11.158	11.503	11.857