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Question:

MS VALLENCE: Yes; budget paper 2, page 46. **For a Melbourne small business with a payroll of \$1.2 million in the last financial year and also this financial year, can you confirm that this business will not be eligible for the new jobs tax credit?**

PREMIER: I am not sure I can confirm that. I may need to come back to you — I am very conscious to provide you with an accurate answer.

MS VALLENCE: That would be good. Will you take that on notice?

PREMIER: I am more than happy to take that on notice-

MS VALLENCE: Okay, and

PREMIER: Although I would just say you may get what you want from the Treasurer when he is before you.

Answer:

The New Jobs Tax Credit is designed to support small and medium businesses that rehire staff, restore hours or create new jobs. For two years, these businesses with payrolls of less than \$10 million, will get a tax credit of ten cents for every dollar they increase taxable Victorian wages – giving businesses the confidence they need to open their doors, hire more staff and re-emerge from the pandemic. Businesses that do not increase taxable wages in the 2020-21 financial year compared with 2019-20 will not receive the tax credit. However, they could still receive it if they increase taxable wages in 2021-22.

The measure is estimated to save businesses a combined \$836 million and help support an estimated 9,400 people find employment. It is part of \$1.5 billion in new tax relief for Victorian businesses and families announced in the 2020-21 Budget, which builds on existing support of more than \$3.5 billion in tax and fees relief to Victorian workers, businesses and households.

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Question:

MS VALLENCE: Secretary Moule, last year your predecessor estimated the ministerial staff costs for 2019-20 at \$49.8 million. **What is the 2019-20 actual figure for ministerial staff costs?**

THE CHAIR: Sorry, Secretary, but the member's time has just expired.

MS VALLENCE: Take that on notice?

MR MOULE: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The 2019-20 actual figure for ministerial staff salary costs was \$49.2 million.