

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

Portfolio:	Tourism, Sport and Major Events
Witness:	Minister Pakula
Committee Member:	Ms VALLENCE
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### Relevant text:

**Ms VALLENCE:** Budget paper 3, page 84, referring to major events. Minister, what was the cost to cancel the 2020 grand prix?

**Mr PAKULA:** Well, the point that I made then and the point that I make now is that the race promotion fee that would normally have been paid by the AGPC to Formula One was not required to be paid. The cost of that fee is in the many tens of millions of dollars, and it is outlined in the department's annual report. What was required to be paid was obviously ticket refunds for everyone. Now, I do not have exact figures in front of me. What I can say to the committee in broad terms is the ticket refunds on the one hand and the non-payment of the licence fee broadly cancelled each other out, but to a greater level of detail than that, I would need to take it on notice. But they broadly cancelled each other out.

**Ms VALLENCE:** If you could take it on notice, thank you.

### Answer:

As noted on Page 24 of the 2020 Australian Grand Prix Corporation Annual Report, the Government's investment in the 2020 Formula One Australian Grand Prix was \$39.722 million.

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**Ms VALLENCE:** The same budget paper reference—budget paper 2, page 56. Of that funding pool for support packages for tourism what is the percentage attributable to the administration of those packages?

**Ms VALLENCE:** You can take it on notice, even.

**Mr PAKULA:** I am happy to do that. I will make the point that they are still being designed. But normally there is a very small percentage which is put aside for the administration of those funds—and it is properly a very small percentage.

**Ms VALLENCE:** Can you take that a notice?

**Answer:**

The Department of Treasury and Finance’s principles for the development of discretionary grant programs state that the administration cost to government should generally be less than 5 per cent of the overall program budget. All programs will be designed in line with this principle.

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**Mr LIMBRICK:** Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Minister. Actually, my question is on a similar line—my first one. The Victorian regional travel voucher scheme in budget paper 3, page 20—I think the Premier announced that it was going to be 120 000 vouchers of \$200 each, and this initiative has \$28 million allocated, but my maths says that the vouchers would only add up to \$24 million. What is the other \$4 million going to be used for?

**Answer:**

A portion of this fund is to administer, advertise and audit this Scheme. These costs will be kept to a minimum whilst maintaining the integrity of the scheme. Any unallocated funding will be allocated to vouchers in the final round of the scheme.