

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

Portfolio:	Regional Development
Witness:	Penelope McKay
Committee Member:	Mr Riordan
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### **Relevant text:**

**Mr RIORDAN:** Okay. Have you got a People Matter survey on staff turnover at RDV?

**Ms MCKAY:** We do have a People Matter survey—it does not look at turnover, it addresses cultural issues—but there were no staff who were terminated during this financial year.

**Mr RIORDAN:** Are you able to supply us the most recent staff survey for RDV?

**Ms SYMES:** It was released yesterday publicly. I have not had an opportunity to review it myself, Mr Riordan, but I am sure that if you cannot locate it—

**Mr RIORDAN:** Okay, that is great. Good. Thanks.

**Ms SYMES: we would be able to furnish you with a link.**

### **Answer:**

The People Matter Survey is the Victorian public sector's annual employee engagement survey run by the Victorian Public Sector Commission to support the public sector. The survey helps organisations build positive workplace cultures.

In 2020, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, a shorter Wellbeing Check ran in place of the full survey in October.

The survey results tell organisations how employees see their workplaces, including views on wellbeing and engagement. It does not look at staff turnover.

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Portfolio:	Regional Development
Witness:	Ben Stewart
Committee Member:	Mr O'Brien
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### Relevant text:

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Minister, I want to continue on budget paper 3, page 14, the 'Delivering for Rural and Regional Victoria' output and continuing the LVA discussions. The government committed before the last election to establish 500 jobs with SEA Electric, an electric vehicle manufacturer. Has the site yet been secured for that facility?

**Ms SYMES:** I have got Ben Stewart here with me, who has been very close to this project, and he might be able to take you through the steps to date in a very—

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** I have a very short amount of time. Mr Stewart, if you can just answer the question of whether there have been any payments made, and if so, how much.

**Mr STEWART:** No payments have been made since May 2019. I do not think we are able to say what has been paid to date.

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Sorry, what was the last bit? None since May 2019?

**Mr STEWART:** I do not think we are comfortable saying what has been paid to date. That is commercial-in-confidence.

**Mr D O'BRIEN:** Are we able to have that on notice, perchance?

**Mr STEWART:** Sure. We will take that on notice.

### Answer:

The value and terms of the grant to SEA Electric are commercial-in-confidence. This is consistent with long-standing practices of the Victorian Government in relation to grant agreements.

Milestone payments are based on SEA Electric hiring additional workers from the Latrobe Valley, acquiring a site, and entering into a contract for the construction of the new facility.

As indicated previously, no milestone payments have been made since May 2019.

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Portfolio:	Regional Development
Witness:	Minister Symes
Committee Member:	Mr Hibbins
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### **Relevant text:**

**Mr HIBBINS:** Thanks, Chair. I would like to just follow up on the Hotham to alpine crossing, which sounds like a project that you are very familiar with. When the Alpine National Park boundaries were drawn originally they actually were drawn around Falls Creek and Hotham resorts so development could occur there. Now you are putting development within the national park. What is the justification for that?

**Ms SYMES:** I might have to get back to you on if there are any restrictions that we have had to overcome, because none of it comes to mind. I guess what I could lean into is that this is an ecotourism, low-impact development that is designed to facilitate an iconic walk that is about appreciating the natural environment. So this is more about eco-pods and little huts as opposed to what would be a familiar sight at an alpine resort— there are no plans to put four-storey luxury apartments in the middle of the walk.

### **Answer:**

The Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing Master Plan was developed with community and stakeholder input and released in 2018. Parks Victoria is currently planning the development of the walk, including the assessment of environmental risks and impacts.