

## Question on Notice

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Witness:	Secretary, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
Committee Member:	Aiv Puglielli
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**Aiv PUGLIELLI:** Thank you, Chair. Good morning. We have got the outdoor recreation portfolio here, or as I sometimes call it, the portfolio for the killing of animals. The inquiry that we have been hearing about into recreational native bird hunting in Victoria: are you able to provide a cost for that undertaking – what that cost Victorian taxpayers?

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** The inquiry itself, the parliamentary inquiry?

**Aiv PUGLIELLI:** Yes.

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** It would be the Parliament that would provide that.

**Aiv PUGLIELLI:** That is okay. Could you pass it on – is that possible – to them?

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** Yes, of course.

### Answer:

I understand the information you are seeking sits within questionnaires submitted to the Committee.

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**Bev McARTHUR:** Okay, excellent. Let us go to page 164 of your questionnaire, where you have said that hunting initiatives were deemed to have a positive gender impact. Now, this is fantastic. Can you outline how exactly these programs have a positive gender impact?

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** Whereabouts is that, Mrs McArthur?

**Bev McARTHUR:** In the questionnaire, page 164. That means women – actually biological women – are very excited about going hunting. So hunting has a positive impact.

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** I have got the response in front of me, but I do not have the statement that it references. But part of it would be the economic contribution made right through regional Victoria, Mrs McArthur. Someone who was out on the wetlands on day one saw families literally with a duck hunter –

**Bev McARTHUR:** Very family-oriented sport.

**Steve DIMOPOULOS:** Very much so. The best of it, in my view, is family-oriented. Whether it is young kids and a husband and wife, or couples and others, all camping for the purposes of duck hunting, they were visibly seen by people that were advising me on day one. So I imagine from that perspective – I can come back to you with a bit more intel – but from that perspective there would be a positive gender impact. But I do not have the statement that that alludes to.

**Bev McARTHUR:** That is fine. You can come back to us and provide a copy of both the gender impact statements to the committee. That would be good.

### Answer:

The Gender Impact Assessment that informed the questionnaire provided at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee for the Outdoor Recreation portfolio is contained within a document that is classified as Cabinet in Confidence and therefore cannot be released, however as I said at the hearing, economic uplift in regional towns is an element of this and the tourism economy is a disproportionately higher employer of women.