



# Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

## DEPARTMENT / AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE, SEPTEMBER 2023

### The Inquiry

On 2 August 2023, the Legislative Council resolved to establish a select committee to investigate and report on the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the progress of the regional infrastructure build. An interim report is due by April 2024 and a final report is due by April 2025.

### Terms of Reference

A Select Committee of nine members be appointed to inquire into, consider and report on the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the progress of the regional infrastructure build, including but not limited to —

- (a) the potential failures in governance, probity and procurement processes in the Victorian Government's bid, contract, and termination of the 2026 Commonwealth Games;
- (b) the impacts of the contract termination of the Commonwealth Games on Victoria's reputation, business community, tourism, and major events;
- (c) the Victorian Government advice received from government departments, councils, agencies, consultants, and contractors;
- (d) the potential of undue influence by the executive on the independence of the public service;
- (e) the timeline, progress and budget of the Victorian Government's regional infrastructure and housing build;
- (f) the impact on community, social, amateur, and professional sport in Victoria;
- (g) any other relevant matter.

### Questionnaire to relevant departments and agencies

This questionnaire seeks information about how the terms of reference affects each department or agency including budget allocations, infrastructure projects and assets, and other key economic, financial management and emerging issues.

Please answer all questions that may be applicable to your department/agency and advise if some, or all questions are not applicable.

### Timeline and format

Responses to this questionnaire are due by **5.00pm on Monday, 2 October 2023**. It is essential that the Committee receive responses by this date to allow sufficient time to consider them before public hearings which are likely to commence in early October 2023. The completed questionnaire should be sent (in the format received) to: [commonwealthgames@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:commonwealthgames@parliament.vic.gov.au)

- 1) What progress had been made in implementing the major initiatives/programs for the department/agency relevant to the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Please identify a minimum of ten initiatives/programs.**

Major milestone/initiative	Objective	Financial Output (to date)	Allocated Budget	Activities undertaken
Change of term dates	To align Term 1 school holidays with the Commonwealth Games 2026	\$0	\$0	Administrative change to term dates

- 2) Budget Paper No. 5: Statement of Finances provides a comprehensive operating statement that details each department's revenue and expenses on an accrual basis reflecting the cost of providing its output. Please provide a line-item breakdown of departmental/agency expenditure for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.**

Line Item	Budget (\$ million)	Expenditure (\$ million)	Description
Nil	\$0	\$0	

- 3) For all programs (output initiatives, including grants) with total funding of equal to or greater than \$2.5 million that will now be cancelled, please provide the following:**

Not applicable

- 4) For all programs (output initiatives, including grants) with total funding of equal to or greater than \$2.5 million where funding is to be continued, please provide the following:**

Not applicable

- 5) For grant programs announced as part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games expenditure, please provide the following:**

Not applicable

- 6) For the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years, please identify all output(s) for which the department/agency received additional funding through**

**the Treasurer's Advances for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, why additional funding was required and where it is reported.**

Not applicable

**7) Please list the internal departmental/agency performance measures relevant to the 2026 Commonwealth Games including:**

Not applicable

**8) Please provide the department's/agency's (actual/expected/forecast) headcount and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff numbers and recruitment costs for the 2026 Commonwealth Games for the financial years ending 30 June 2022, 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024:**

Not applicable

**9) Please provide the number and total value of employee termination payments as of 1 August 2023 relevant to employees working on the Commonwealth Games.**

Nil

**10) Please provide an organisational executive chart for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, relevant for your department/agency as of 1 June 2022, 1 January 2023 and 1 August 2023.**

Not applicable

**11) What were the main identified gaps in the department's/agency's capability and capacity to deliver the 2026 Commonwealth Games?**

Nil

**12) Please provide an itemised list for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years of the department/agency expenditure on consultants and contractors for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, including the following:**

Nil

**13) Please provide a list of 2026 Commonwealth Games advertising expenditure for the department/agency in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, including the following:**

Nil

**14) Please provide a list of 2026 Commonwealth Games booked advertising for the department/agency in 2023-24 and across the forward estimates, including the following:**

Nil

**15) What impact, if any, did funding issues from local government or the Federal Government have on the department's/agency's Commonwealth Games budget and expenditure?**

Nil

**16) Please provide a list of financial delegation powers for your department/agency including executive names or positions and value of delegation power.**

No change to approved delegations as an implication of Commonwealth Games

**17) Regarding the 2026 Commonwealth Games, which relevant and interested community groups and stakeholders did the department/agency consult or engage with? Please detail the budget expenditure related to and the final outcomes of consultation.**

School term dates are approved by the Minister for Education, generally in 5-year blocks, following consultation with key stakeholders. Term dates for 2026 were set in 2021.

In 2022, the Department of Education and Training established a 2026 School Term Dates Working Party, to consult on proposed changes to the 2026 school term dates. The Working Party reached consensus in support of aligning term one school holidays with the 2026 Games dates, which the Minister approved in late 2022. The changes approved resulted in a shorter term one, and three longer terms, similar to 2006 school term dates when Melbourne hosted the Commonwealth Games.

The Working Party membership included early childhood, non-government, union, and peak body representatives. This initiative did not involve specific budget and was managed as part of the department's usual processes for consultation regarding term dates.

**18) Please provide a list of all interstate and international travel for department/agency staff related to the 2026 Commonwealth Games, including:**

Nil

**19) Please detail the extent of departmental/agency interactions with the First Nations People of Victoria in preparation for the 2026 Commonwealth Games**

The change to term dates for 2026 followed an established departmental consultation process, and did not involve specific consultation with First Nations People of Victoria.

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