



Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Hearing Date: 13 February 2024

Questions taken on notice

Directed to: Geelong Chamber of Commerce, Jeremy Crawford

Received Date: 21 August 2024

1. **Joe McCRACKEN, page 19**

Question Asked:

So no lead-up time basically. Are you able to provide us, both of you, with a list of the dates and times of meetings that you had with the state government over the time of your involvement with the discussions around the Comm Games? Is that okay?

Michael JOHNSTON: Yes, we can take that on notice.

Jeremy CRAWFORD: Yes.

Response: **Geelong Chamber attended a face-to-face briefing with Jacinta Allen MP on Thursday 20th July 2023 held at The Gordon.**

2. **Michael GALEA, page 21-2**

Question Asked:

Not a deleterious impact on it – yes. And can you describe for me in broad terms the current trends of your visitor economy here in Geelong?

Michael JOHNSTON: I am probably not best placed to answer that with you now, our general membership growth. Essentially there would be, I think, with council and Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine some harder data. I do not know. Have you got anything, Jeremy?

Michael GALEA: Mr Crawford, do you have any?

Jeremy CRAWFORD: No. I do not have anything on hand, sorry, but we can take it on notice and perhaps provide some information when we come across it.

Response: **No data has been obtained by the Chamber in response to this question.**

3. **David DAVIS, page 24**

Question Asked:

Do you, Mr Crawford, have any comment on that lack of information?

Jeremy CRAWFORD: No, but I just want to comment on the 20 July meeting, where Jacinta Allan came down two days after the cancellation. I have just found an excerpt from the invitation, which says that the

Victorian government is getting on and delivering a comprehensive \$2 billion package to ensure regional Victoria receives all the legacy benefits that would have been facilitated by hosting the Commonwealth Games.

David DAVIS: Is that a news release?

Jeremy CRAWFORD: No, it is in the calendar invitation that was sent.

David DAVIS: We would like a copy of that, if that is possible, Mr Crawford. That would be very helpful.

Jeremy CRAWFORD: Yes, I will send that through for you.

Response: Please see screenshot of the calendar invitation extracted from Jeremy Crawford's schedule on subsequent page below.

4. **Melina BATH, page 28-9**

Question Asked:

Thank you, gentlemen, for being here today and providing us your feedback. You mentioned before – and it is your predecessors, so you may need to take this on notice – that your organisations had multiple interactions with ministers, and I think you offered to provide some time lines for us or meeting dates. Just putting that on record, if you could do that. I am interested to understand: pre the cancellation, on 18 July, at what point did you feel your organisations, your business communities, were really getting concerned that it would not be delivered? So when did you have concerns – your organisations – that this would not come to fruition? If you have got a date or a month.

Response: The Chamber members felt that the CommGames were not tracking as expected based on the lack of tangible evidence on infrastructure, procurement processes and commitment from the Government on tangible CommGames outcomes.



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Accepted by Jeremy Crawford on 20/07/2023 11:54 AM

Commonwealth Games Face to Face Briefing - Legacy for Geelong

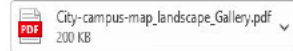
Organizer [Redacted] (DJSIR) - [Redacted]

Sent Thu 20/07/2023 10:05 AM

Time Thursday, 20 July 2023 2:15 PM-3:30 PM

Location [The Gordon - Geelong City Campus \(2 Fenwick Street, Geelong, Victoria 3220\) - Gallery Room C1.01](#)

Response Accepted [Change Response](#)



Deputy Premier, the Hon. Jacinta Allan, MP invites you to a briefing to be held at **The Gordon TAFF, Gallery Room C1.01** at 2:00pm on Thursday 20 July 2023 (**entry to The Gordon Gallery C1.01 is through the C level entrance off the Fenwick Street courtyard – refer attached map**).

The Victorian Government is getting on and delivering a comprehensive \$2 billion package to ensure regional Victoria receives all the legacy benefits that would have been facilitated by hosting the Commonwealth Games.

The main reason we agreed to host the Games was to deliver lasting benefits in housing, tourism and sporting infrastructure for regional Victoria.

We want to continue to work with regional communities to ensure they can get the most out of the package announced this week.

Please confirm your attendance by accepting this meeting request.

Regards



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