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Question Asked:

...You talked about the business case. You had not seen it but you had made inputs to that business case. In terms of those parameters, what were they in terms of the venues used, the sports, the scale and number of athletes village, the location and scale of opening and closing ceremonies; so what were the inputs?

Response:

We refer to Mr McClements response to Ms Bath's question in the hearing:

'...Where we were at that stage, we were through the exclusive negotiating period. The change that took place on 15 February [2022, the date Victoria secured the 2026 Commonwealth Games], the primary negotiator became the State, through the Department [of Jobs, Precincts and Regions], so it led those discussions.'

Visit Victoria's inputs into the business case were drawn from the information in GMS's initial scoping review such as existing and proposed new sports, options for sport venues, estimated athlete numbers, non-competition venue requirements and potential locations of ceremonies. DJPR led the development of the business case, appointing a range of consultants to refine the parameters in the scoping review.