



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into Local Government funding and services

Hearing Date: 7 August 2024

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Yarriambiack Shire Council

Received Date: 29 August 2024

1. **Evan MULHOLLAND, page 44**

Question asked:

Evan MULHOLLAND: ...The central immunisation register run by the Department of Health – supposedly the Department of Health have sent out a notice that councils must co-fund that. Have you received any correspondence from the Department of Health regarding that? I am happy for you both to take that on notice if you do not have that information.
Tammy SMITH: I will have to take that on notice. Thank you.

Response: I can confirm we did receive the correspondence in relation to the Central Immunisation Records Victoria Update. The correspondence states a new co-funding model commencing from 01 October 2024 will be implemented to enable the continued operation of the system and provision of support to Council. It's a base fee of \$6,000 p/a plus \$2.00 per immunisation. This is yet another cost shift onto Council's and supports why immunisation services should sit with the health service opposed to Local Government.

2. **Gaelle BROAD, pages 45 – 46**

Question asked:

Gaelle BROAD: I am just interested: your submissions mention – the one from Yarriambiack was to about 15 halls, eight pools, 26 playgrounds. There is a lot of infrastructure, essential infrastructure, that you are trying to provide, and roads. I know earlier you touched on that. But do you know what the current funding shortfall is for maintenance in your shires at the moment?

Tammy SMITH: I would have to take that on notice, Gaelle, if that is okay, because we would be able to provide you with the exact figures.

Response:

We have identified \$1.16 million in identified capital and maintenance works required for our buildings in 24/25 of which \$69,997 is to be completed in 24/25 due to budget constraints.

Our Asset Management records indicate we have the following roads with a condition score of 60 – which is considered poor, so If we use poor as a base for analysis, we end up at 87.52% and 103.25kms of sealed (88.65% and 148.18kms for both) in status of poor or very poor.

To undertake maintenance to these roads to bring them up to an acceptable standard we would require \$9.249 million in investment. We have \$3.457 million in our budget for 24/25 for capital works, and approximately \$3 million for maintenance. We have a shortfall of approx. \$2.792 million in funds required to meet our asset renewal requirements.