

## Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings

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Witness:	Ms Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment, Climate Change
Committee member:	Richard Riordan MP
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Output Initiatives funding allocated in 2016-17 (BP3 2016-17 PG 69-70)

1. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$100,000 for Climate Ready Victorian Infrastructure for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Climate Change Output. Is that money included in the Climate Change Output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Climate Change output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$0.1 million in 2019-20 for the *Climate Ready Victorian Infrastructure* initiative.

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2. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$4.2 million for Community driven action to protect Victoria's unique biodiversity for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Environment and Biodiversity output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$4.2 million in 2019-20 for the *Community driven action to protect Victoria's unique biodiversity* initiative.

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3. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$4.6 million for Increasing Support for Landcare for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Environment and Biodiversity output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$4.6 million in 2019-20 for the *Increasing Support for Landcare* initiative.

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4. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$900,000 for Increasing Support for Trust for Nature for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Environment and Biodiversity output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$0.9 million in 2019-20 for the *Increasing Support for Trust for Nature* initiative.

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5. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$1 million for Partnering with local government to address weeds and pests for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Environment and Biodiversity output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$1 million in 2019-20 for the *Partnering with local government to address weeds and pests* initiative.

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6. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$2.5 million for Port Phillip Bay Fund for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Environment and Biodiversity output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$2.5 million in 2019-20 for the *Port Phillip Bay Fund*.

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7. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$1.0 million for Science, Innovation and Excellence – Monitoring coastal flooding, erosion and land stability for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change Output, the predecessor of the current Environment and Biodiversity output. Is that money included in the Environment and Biodiversity output, or the Climate Change output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

The funding is included in the Environment and Biodiversity output. The funding remains allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$1.0 million in 2019-20 for the *Science, Innovation and Excellence – Monitoring coastal flooding, erosion and land stability*.

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8. The 2016-17 Budget papers allocated \$18.5 million for Bushfire Preparedness and response activities for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Fire and emergency Management Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains included in the Fire and Emergency Management output and allocated to the same program as per the 2016-17 Budget announcement of \$18.5 million in 2019-20 for the *Bushfire preparedness and response activities* initiative.



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Output initiatives funding allocated in 2017-18 (BP3 2017-18 PG 65-66)

1. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$6.0 million for Investing in waste and resource recovery for a growing Victoria for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$6.0 million in 2019-20 for the *Investing in waste and resource recovery for a growing Victoria* initiative.

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2. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$22.5 million for Protecting Victoria's Environment – biodiversity 2037 for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$22.5 million in 2019-20 for the *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037* initiative.

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3. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$3.2 million for Taking decisive action on climate change for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Climate Change Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Climate Change output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$3.2 million in 2019-20 for the *Taking decisive action on climate change* initiative.

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4. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$2.6 million for Understanding and Adapting to Climate Change for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Climate Change Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Climate Change output and the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$2.6 million in 2019-20 for the *Understanding and Adapting to Climate Change* initiative.

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5. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$52.6 million for Reducing bushfire risk for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Fire and Emergency Management Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Fire and Emergency Management output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$52.6 million in 2019-20 for the *Reducing bushfire risk* initiative.

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6. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$7.6 million for Strengthening the protection of our forests and wildlife through more effective regulation, compliance and enforcement for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Management of Public Lands and Forests Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Management of Public Lands and Forests output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$7.6 million in 2019-20 for the *Strengthening the protection of our forests and wildlife through more effective regulation, compliance and enforcement* initiative.

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7. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$1.5 million for Unlocking the benefits of parks for all Victorians for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Parks Victoria Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Parks Victoria output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$1.5 million in 2019-20 for the *Unlocking the benefits of parks for all Victorians* initiative.

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8. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$27.1 million for Bringing our Environment protection Authority into the modern era for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Statutory Activities and Environment protection Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Statutory Activities and Environment Protection output and to the same program as per the 2017-18 Budget announcement of \$27.1 million in 2019-20 for the *Bringing our Environment Protection Authority into the modern era* initiative.



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Output initiatives funding allocated 2018-19 (BP3 2018-19 PG 59-60)

1. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$600,000 for Meeting the government's climate change obligations for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Climate Change Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Climate Change output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$0.6 million for the *Meeting the governments climate change obligations* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

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2. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$1.7 million for Preparing the Barwon region for climate change and improving access to public land for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Climate Change Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Climate Change output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$1.7 million in 2019-20 for the *Preparing the Barwon Region for Climate Change and Improving Access to Public Land* initiative.

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3. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$1.5 million for Caring for our environment – Faunal Emblems for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$1.5 million in 2019-20 for the *Caring for our environment – faunal emblems*.

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4. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$1.2 million for Cleanup of contaminated public land for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$1.2 million in 2019-20 for the *Clean-up of contaminated public land* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

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5. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$2.0 million for Protecting Port Phillip Bay and its Beaches for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Environment and Biodiversity output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$2 million in 2019-20 for the *Protecting Port Phillip Bay and its beaches* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

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6. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$12.1 million for Delivering greater community value from our forests for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Management of Public land and Forests Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Management of Public land and Forests output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$12.1 million in 2019-20 for the *Delivering greater community value from our forests* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

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7. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$400,000 for Victoria's great outdoors for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Management of Public land and Forests Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Management of Public land and Forests output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement of \$400,000 in 2019-20 for the *Victoria's great outdoors* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.

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8. The 2017-18 Budget papers allocated \$16.9 million for Securing the benefits of parks for all Victorians for the 2019-20 Financial Year. The money was allocated to the Management of Public Land and Forests Output. Is that money included in that output for the coming financial year and still allocated to the same program? If not, has the money been re-allocated, and if so, how has it been applied?

**Answer:**

Yes, the funding remains allocated to the Management of Public Land and Forests output and to the same program as per the 2018-19 Budget announcement for the *Securing the benefits of parks for all Victorians* initiative.

While the question referred to the 2017-18 Budget, this initiative was announced in the 2018-19 Budget.