

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

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1. Departmental Secretary, the Victorian Government receives a significant discount on electricity from the purchasing contract with Red Energy. In a written response to PAEC from the February 2018 hearings, the former DEDJTR confirmed that for the 2016-17 financial year rates, that despite having a reduction in electricity usage, the department's electricity bills increased 25 per cent. Has your department seen a similar rise in the department's electricity bills?

Answer

The department's electricity expenditure has not seen a similar rise.

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2. Can you provide the committee with your department's:
 - a. Units of electricity usage (excluding green power) in megajoules
 - b. Units of electricity usage (excluding green power) converted to kilowatt hours
 - c. Total financial cost of electricity
 - d. And how that compares with the previous financial year?

Answer

- a. Electricity usage in megajoules is provided within the department's Annual Report.
- b. Kilowatt hours are not used as a reporting metric for electricity usage.
- c. Total electricity costs for the 2018-19 financial year are still being calculated.
- d. See above.

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3. Departmental Secretary, for 2017-18 and for 2018-19 so far, can you please provide the committee with the number of departmental staff that reported incidents of bullying to your Department.

Answer

The number of staff who reported incidents of bullying in 2017-18 was 49, and for 2018-19 is 38.

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4. For the same timeframe, 2017-18 and for 2018-19 so far, can you please provide the committee with the number of Ministerial staff that reported incidents of bullying to your department?

Answer

There have been no reported incidents of bullying made by Ministerial staff to the department in 2017-18 or 2018-19.

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5. Are able to provide a breakdown of all bullying incidents by category identified, whether gender, sexuality, physical for those two previous questions as well.

Answer

Details of individual matters are confidential and not disclosed publicly.

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6. Secretary, are you able to please provide the committee with a copy of the latest *People Matters* survey results for your department and, in addition, the itemised results for each portfolio agency under your department.

Answer

The Victorian Public Sector Commissioner (VPSC) is currently releasing the data of the recent 2019 People Matter Survey to all participating public sector organisations.

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7. Secretary, BP2, p. 57 identifies \$685 million in Reprioritisations and revenue offsets and \$251 million in savings. This follows on from reprioritisations and savings in last year's budget. Can you please detail the reprioritisations which have occurred in your department during 2018-19, for which unit of your department they applied to and for which programs or policy areas?

Answer

BP2, p. 57, Table 4.5 outlines the net impact of the new output initiatives from 2019-20 to 2022-23. BP2, p. 54, in the 2018-19 budget lists \$575 million in reprioritisations and revenue offsets for the 2018-19 year. The reprioritisation component was \$40.2 million across government. Reprioritisations from 2018-19 did not impact adversely on the delivery of programs by the department.

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8. One Department has set a target of reducing their workforce from 13,000 to around 7,000 in 2019-20. What is your Department's headcount reduction target to achieve employee savings?

Answer

The department does not have a headcount reduction target to achieve employee savings in 2019-20.

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9. Can you please provide the committee with a list of how many fixed terms contracts are not going to be renewed in each unit of your department?

Answer

Renewal of fixed-term contracts is considered on a case-by-case basis. The department does not have a list of fixed-term contracts that are not going to be renewed.

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10. The budget forecasts \$2.5 billion in reprioritisations over the forward estimates. How much of the \$2.5 billion will impact your department?

Answer

The \$2.5 billion refers to reprioritisations and revenue offsets, and is one component of the policy variations which account for the net impact of new budget initiatives. These variations also include adjustments and savings. The final allocation of policy variations to the department across the forward estimates will not be known until the conclusion of the base review process.

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11. The budget forecasts \$1.97 billion in savings over the forward estimates. How much of that \$1.97 billion will impact your department?

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The allocation of savings across the department has not yet been finalised. This will be decided as part of the base review process.

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12. Has the department's Base Review begun? If not, when will it begin?

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The department has commenced its base review.

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13. Has anyone been contracted to conduct the Base Review at your department? If so who and at what cost?

Answer

Management consultants were contracted centrally to conduct the base review. Consultancy expenditure details will be published in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2018-19 Annual Report.