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**ATTACHMENT: PAEC BUDGET HEARINGS 2016–17 QUESTIONS TAKEN ON
NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE
SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

1. Please describe any targeted retraining opportunities that may benefit workers who have skills which are transferable to the procurement of rolling stock.

(Pages 26–7 of the Public Transport portfolio transcript)

Reply

- The Andrews Labor Government's *Rolling Stock Strategy: Trains, Trams and Jobs 2015-2025* policy, and the establishment of a dedicated Rolling Stock Development Division in the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, aims to create a consistent supply of rolling stock procurement and manufacturing capability in Victoria. It also creates a number of targeted retraining opportunities by:
 - establishing a requirement for 50 per cent local content in new rolling stock orders;
 - incorporating education and training programs at any new maintenance depots;
 - working with the TAFE sector to develop training programs for apprentices in the rolling stock industry and to train the next generation of rolling stock engineers; and
 - incorporating requirements in tender evaluations, such as Workforce Development Plans.

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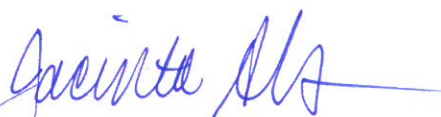
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2. Please confirm whether funding for planning around the Bunyip River crossing and the track duplication will be provided as part of the \$2.6 million *Gippsland Track Upgrades* initiative and not the \$9 million *Gippsland Corridor Station Upgrades* initiative.

(Pages 35–6 of the Public Transport portfolio transcript)

Reply

- \$2.6 million has been allocated in 2016–17 for the *Gippsland Track Upgrades* initiative to undertake planning and preparation of business cases for additional track capacity on the Gippsland rail line, including investigations into crossing loop enhancements between Moe and Bairnsdale and the duplication of the Bunyip River bridge.



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