

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

Portfolio:	Commonwealth Games Legacy
Witness:	Minister Shing
Committee Member:	Bev McArthur
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Bev McARTHUR: Look, I could not wait, Minister. Of the \$2.6 billion earmarked for the games, how much will go to operational games expenditure – no lasting value – and how much will actually be spent on legacy infrastructure projects for Victoria?

Harriet SHING: Do you mean legacy infrastructure projects as distinct from programs? I am just wondering if you can just –

Bev McARTHUR: As distinct from operational activity that the games might need money spent on. But the \$2.6 billion: how much of it is going to be on legacy projects for Victoria that you are going to leave in your name, Minister?

[...]

Harriet SHING: There is not a whole department working on this. This is DJSIR, which is responsible for I think 10 or 11 different portfolios. The bulk of the investment is on infrastructure, so that is very, very clear –

Bev McARTHUR: Well, just give us the breakdown.

Harriet SHING: and I am very happy to provide you with an indicative split.

Bev McARTHUR: That is fantastic.

Harriet SHING: But again this is still actually work that is ongoing. We are continuing partnership discussions with all levels of government, which is exactly how it should be.

Bev McARTHUR: Well, we look forward to the upcoming information that you are going to provide on notice.

Answer:

The 2022-23 State Budget included a \$2.6 billion allocation to the Victorian 2026 Commonwealth Games. Victoria 2026 is the catalyst for a whole range of legacy outcomes for regional Victoria.

The Commonwealth Games is catalysing significant infrastructure investment that will have lasting benefit. For example, the Victorian Government has already announced investment for the development of facilities at Armstrong Creek and Waurn Ponds in Geelong that will see up to \$292 million invested into new sporting facilities to host Aquatics, Gymnastics, Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting. Eureka Stadium in Ballarat will receive a \$150 million upgrade to ensure it is a world-class venue for the Commonwealth Games Athletics and Para Athletics, a new athletics track will be built, and the stadium will be expanded to hold an additional 5,000 permanent seats.

Villages will also be constructed, leaving a lasting legacy for Victoria after they house athletes and officials during the Games.

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