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Portfolio:	Roads & Road Safety
Witness:	The Hon Ben Carroll MP
Committee Member:	Mr Danny O'Brien MP
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Question:

Minister, can I just ask about the 'Road operations' output on BP3, page 339, and specifically ask about wire rope barriers. We heard last year that funding for maintenance of wire rope barriers is a combination of both VicRoads funding and TAC. I am wondering if you can tell me how much in dollar terms is spent on maintenance, let us say this year.

For 2020–21, that would be fantastic. If you do not have it, because it depends on accidents and things, for 2019–20 would be appreciated.

Answer:

Safety barriers, which include wire rope safety barriers and semi-flexible steel guard fences, play a critical role in redirecting errant vehicles away from roadside hazards and in slowing the vehicles. They are effective at reducing serious injuries and saving lives in run-off road crashes. Last year safety barriers were hit approximately 5,074 times, each representing a serious injury avoided or a life saved.

The TAC has committed to funding the repair and maintenance of safety barriers installed under the Safer Roads Program and in 2019/20 the TAC provided \$10.6 million for the repair and maintenance of safety barriers.

Further, approximately \$7.5 million was allocated from State Appropriation Funding to undertake routine maintenance and repair of other safety barriers, that is those not installed under the Safer Roads Program.