

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

Portfolio:	Fishing and Boating
Witness:	Hon Melissa Horne
Committee Member:	Mr Danny O'Brien
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Question:

Page 339 of budget paper 3 outlines the outputs for your portfolio under 'Sustainably managed fish and boating resources', and I just want to go to that table. It shows that the budget for 2019–20 was \$41.6 million, the actual was \$56.4 million and then again the budget for this year, 2020–21, goes up again to \$70.6 million. I was wondering if you could explain the increase in funding and, perhaps on notice if you do not have it in front of you, identify the projects or items which received additional resources.

Answer:

The output cost figures in the table on page 339 of Budget Paper 3 represent the costs allocated to the *Sustainably Managed Fish and Boating Resources* output. This is operating expenditure (output appropriation) in the forward estimates, it does not include capital appropriation or (where applicable) funds held in DTF contingency.

The \$70.6 million figure is the cost allocated to the *Sustainably Managed Fish and Boating Resources output* and incorporates:

- \$48.4m for Victorian Fisheries Authority;
- \$21.9m for Better Boating Victoria;
- \$0.3m – allocation of Department of Transport overhead to the Sustainably Managed Fish and Boating Resources output costs.

The increase in 2020-21 is associated with the following:

- Better boating initiatives have been included in the *Sustainably Managed Fish and Boating Resources* output from 2020-21;
- Better boating initiatives 2019-20 Budget and Actual output costs are reflected in the *Ports and Freight* output. This provides consistency with figures published in 2019-20 Budget Paper 3 and the Department of Transport's 2019-20 Annual Report;
- The 2019-20 Actuals are \$14.8m higher than the 2019-20 Budget mainly because of the timing of Gippsland Lakes and Port Phillip Bay netting licence buyback, depreciation and capital assets charge;
- The 2020-21 Budget is \$14.2m higher than the 2019-20 Actuals due to the inclusion of Better Boating initiatives, previously reported in the *Ports and Freight*

output, partially offset by the timing of Gippsland Lakes and Port Phillip Bay netting licence buyback.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Horne".

Hon Melissa Horne MP

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