

Further written matters for response - LC EIC public hearing 28 June 2021 - DJPR

1. Does DJPR plan to hold roundtables at the premises of small businesses in the events sector, e.g. factories and warehouses, to further its understanding of the issues facing small business owners and their staff?

- DJPR will continue to hold roundtables online to enable more small businesses in the events sector to access these forums from right across Victoria, while also minimising the time commitment required from businesses and any interruptions to their operations.
- Given the variety of stakeholders within the events sector, the Public Events Team continue to respond to feedback from the sector and seek to broaden methods of engagement. This includes ensuring that key information is made accessible in a variety of languages.
- The Department will continue to engage extensively with the events sector to understand the issues facing small business owners and staff. This includes site visits to event venues by the Public Events Team to augment their understanding of how best to facilitate the safe resumption of COVIDSafe events and sector recovery.

2. Pullman Albert Park has been under the control of the hotel quarantine program but not used. What is DJPR doing to get this venue back to being available for events?

- The COVID-19 hotel Quarantine program is overseen by COVID-19 Quarantine Victoria (CQV). Questions relating to the use of individual hotels within the hotel quarantine program should be directed to CQV.
- Eligible accommodation providers and hospitality venues have been able to apply for assistance through programs administered by DJPR, such as the Business Cost Assistance Program Round Two or the Licenced Hospitality Venue Fund. Further details of these programs are at www.business.vic.gov.au.