

Responses to Questions on Notice from 2018-19 Budget Estimates Hearing for Minister for Emergency Services.

ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS

EMERGENCY SERVICES PORTFOLIO

- 1. Please advise the total cost of CFA and MFB attendances at each Victorian prisons and youth justice centre during 2017-18 (to 16 May).**

The total amount invoiced by CFA and MFB for attendances at Victorian prisons and youth justice centres during 2017-18 is \$497,866.97 (CFA 348,461.97 and MFB \$149,405).

- 2. How does the phone app designed to improve the mental health and wellbeing outcomes for emergency personnel and volunteers¹ operate and what are the key objectives of the app?**

The development of a smartphone app focussed on mental health and wellbeing is a potential source of information and advice for emergency services workers. This proposal seeks to develop an app to enhance emergency services workers mental health and wellbeing modelled on the VicPol app, 'Equipt'. Equipt is a free (for users) wellbeing app developed by the Police Association of Victoria and VicPol, with input from members and leading health professionals. It is designed for current and former sworn officers, police employees and their families. The app aims to strengthen the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of members, and provides features to enable users to access further help and support where necessary.

- 3. Please describe what water safety education is provided outside the school system.**

The Government provides funding to Life Saving Victoria to deliver a number of programs, including the following that have education components:

- Annual Water Safety Program: aims to increase community awareness, provides education to the community and schools and support to life saving clubs.
- Multicultural Water Safety Program: provides water safety messages, recruits multicultural volunteer members to provide the necessary training and provides staff to deliver projects and programs.

¹ Department of Treasury and Finance, *Budget Paper No.3: 2018-19 Service Delivery* (2018), p.95