

**ATTACHMENT: PAEC INQUIRY INTO THE 2016–17 BUDGET ESTIMATES —  
QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER  
INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

**ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY PORTFOLIO**

1. Please disaggregate the amount spent on the 'Road Asset Management' output by VicRoads region.

*(Pages 5-6 of the Roads and Road Safety portfolio transcript)*

**Reply**

Region	2014–15 Actual (\$m)	2015–16 Budget <sup>2</sup> (\$m)
Metro North West	81	58
Metro South East	64	54
South Western	57	56
Western	38	39
Northern	38	37
North Eastern	41	38
Eastern	43	36
Metropolitan electrical assets	59	60
Municipal funding	40	0
Non-Region Specific Asset Management Activities (e.g. Managing private road operators, land, net gain, Technical & Regulatory Services etc)	28	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>419</b>

Note, the variances between the 2014–15 and 2015–16 figures is due to:

- Lapsing of the Country Road and Bridges Fund (\$40 million)
- Various funding of one-off initiatives (\$30 million) during the 2014–15 year, including Federal maintenance funding, West Gate Bridge works and covering events such as flood recovery and electricity recovery.

2. With respect to the *Streamlining Hoddle Street* initiative, how many trees are expected to be removed for the works?

*(Page 13 of the Roads and Road Safety portfolio transcript)*

#### Reply

- The concept design that was developed by VicRoads indicates that the removal of some trees will potentially be required. While the exact number of affected trees will not be fully known until the design is further developed, VicRoads expects that:
  - at the north-west corner of the Swan Street/Punt Road intersection, approximately 15 trees may be affected;
  - in the vicinity of the Johnston Street/Hoddle Street intersection, approximately five trees may be affected; and
  - at the Eastern Freeway interchange, approximately five trees may be affected.
- VicRoads will further develop the designs for this project over the next few months and will aim to minimise the impacts to trees and public open space. A detailed on-ground flora and fauna assessment will be undertaken to understand the significance of any trees proposed to be removed. Further design development will also investigate the opportunities to enhance existing places by considering both the hard and soft landscaping that can be incorporated into the project designs.
- VicRoads will continue to work with key stakeholders and the community in the coming months as the design is further developed.

3. Please provide the following information for the *Kilmore-Wallan Bypass* project:

- a. Total estimated investment
- b. Estimated expenditure to 30 June 2016
- c. Estimated expenditure during 2016-17
- d. Remaining expenditure
- e. Estimated completion date

*(Page 14 of the Roads and Road Safety portfolio transcript)*

#### Reply

##### **a. Total estimated investment**

A total of \$13.4 million has been allocated to the planning and initial construction works for a Kilmore-Wallan Bypass.

No funding allocation has been made for the full construction of the bypass.

**b. Estimated expenditure to 30 June 2016**

Estimated expenditure to the end of 2015-16 financial year is \$10.6 million.

**c. Estimated expenditure during 2016-17**

Estimated expenditure for 2016-17 financial year is \$2.8 million.

**d. Remaining expenditure**

Expenditure during 2016-17 will be to complete construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Northern Highway and Broadford-Kilmore Road; progress planning investigations for the Kilmore Waste Management Facility; and complete the independent review of the proposed upgrade of the Wandong interchange.

**e. e. Estimated completion date**

It is anticipated that construction of the roundabout will be completed in early 2017.

It is anticipated that planning investigations to resolve a whole of government solution for the Western Option impact on the Kilmore Waste Management Facility and statutory planning approvals for the Western Option will be completed by mid-2017.

4. Please provide details of new off-road bike paths (as distinct from bike lanes on roads) that are part of the 2016-17 Budget.

*(Pages 14-16 of the Roads and Road Safety portfolio transcript)*

**Reply**

- While there were no stand alone bicycle projects funded as part of the 2016-17 Budget, the State Government is incorporating cycling infrastructure into many of its major transport projects. Delivery of these projects falls under other budget measures (Major Road Improvement Projects, Other Road Improvement Projects, Congestion Program). The following projects funded in the 2016 State Budget include bike paths:
  - Drysdale Bypass includes a shared path running the whole length of the project which will provide a safe access for school children and recreational cyclists.
  - Yan Yean Road will include a shared user path which will run along the western side of the road.
  - Thompsons Road includes ten kilometres of shared user path encouraging an active transport alternative with connections to public transport, shopping hubs and community facilities along the way.
  - Bolton Street, new pedestrian operated signals and pedestrian islands will be added as well as a shared use path.
- In addition, the Government has also established a \$100 million Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund which will invest in infrastructure treatments to keep bicycle riders and pedestrians safe.