

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

Emergency Services

1. Please advise whether the budget estimates for the Department of Justice and Regulation reflect a 2.5 per cent wage increase in the base operating budget for unresolved EBAs.

(Page 9 of the Emergency Services portfolio transcript)

The budget estimates for the Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR) for the 2016-17 financial year, include indexation (for wages), in line with government policy.

2. For initiatives for the portfolio, including the CFA and the MFB, please specify how much is to be funded from the Consolidated Fund and from the fire services levy.

(Page 9-10 of the Emergency Services portfolio transcript)

For new initiatives for the emergency services portfolio announced in the 2016-17 State Budget, the breakdown of funding by Consolidated Fund and Fire Service Property Levy (FSPL) is listed below in \$m.

Combined Output and Asset

	2016-17 \$m	2017-18 \$m	2018-19 \$m	2019-20 \$m
CONSOLIDATED FUND	59.8	21.4	15.8	10.6
FSPL	44.0	35.0	12.5	4.1
GROSS	103.8	56.4	28.2	14.7

The variable rate for the FSPL will fall for residential properties throughout Victoria in 2016/17. The residential rate for metropolitan (MFB) Melbourne will come down from 8.6 cents (per \$1000 capital improved value) to 5.9 cents, while the CFA area will also fall from 14.4 cents to 12.8 cents.

3. What percentages of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are employed in the emergency services?

(Pages 16 of the Emergency Services portfolio transcript)

CFA

CFA does not currently capture this information, however, it is something that the Diversity and Inclusion stream of the Task Force, established as part of the response to the Fire Services Review, are currently reviewing.

ESTA

ESTA does not currently capture this information, however, it is something ESTA would like to do in the future.

LSV

In 2015-16, 18 per cent of full time and part time staff and seven per cent of seasonal staff came from CALD communities.

In 2015-16, the LSV had 32,311 volunteers, of which 8,870 responded to a question on their multicultural background. Of these respondees, 1,487 or 17 per cent indicated that they were from a multicultural background.

MFB

Four per cent of the MFB employees are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

VICSES

Staff

VICSES does not maintain any diversity data on its employees.

Volunteers

VICSES has maintained information on the country of birth and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island status since 1 October 2011. It is not compulsory for volunteers to provide this information.

The SES volunteer member diversity data, where provided, to VICSES since October 2011 shows:

- a. 0.4 per cent indicated that they are of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status
- b. 9.2 per cent indicated that they were born in a country other than Australia.