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Dear Mr Pearson

Re: 2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings Questions on Notice

Thank you for your letter of 17 June regarding further information relating to outstanding matters related to my budget estimates hearing on 15 May 2015.

Responses are provided in relation to my employment and public transport portfolios.

Employment

1. *Please advise the Committee the number of direct and indirect job losses expected across Victoria as a result of the vehicle industry closures*

In 2014, the Productivity Commission modelled the impact of the automotive industry change. It estimated Victorian job losses of up to 24,150 people in 2016-17 following the closure of large-scale passenger vehicle manufacturing.

The modelling estimates that 6,860 direct jobs will be lost in the three major passenger car manufacturers and 17,290 jobs will be lost in companies supplying the major manufacturers. The indirect job losses encompass automotive component manufacturers and companies supplying other goods and services to the passenger vehicle manufacturers.

The modelling assumes job losses of 80 per cent in the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, 40 per cent in automotive component manufacturers, and flow-on job losses in the broader supply chain proportional to each industry's sales to the passenger vehicle manufacturers.

2. *Please advise:*

(a) what proportion of people employed in the construction trades are female

ABS Labour Force data for May Quarter 2015 show that female workers account for 12.4 per cent of total construction industry employment. Construction industry workers include a wide variety of occupations, including trades and technical workers. Female workers account for 1.3 percent of total Trades and Technical workers in the construction industry.

(b) what proportion of trainees in the construction industry are female

As at 22 June 2015, Department of Education and Training administrative data for the Building and Construction sector show that females represent 8 percent of trainees.

(c) how many female apprentices will benefit from the youth employment scheme

The Youth Employment Scheme (YES) supports employment of young people in traineeships in State Government agencies. Following restructuring of the program in 2012, apprenticeships are no longer available under YES.

Young people are employed in a range of traineeships under YES, including business administration, information technology, education support, sport and recreation, transport and logistics, health support, horticulture and community services.

From 1 July 2013 to June 2015, there have been 714 YES traineeship commencements with 529 young women making up the majority (74 percent) of the commencements.

Public Transport

1. *Please provide a list of projects planned to extend tram lines.*

(Pages 8-9 of the Public Transport portfolio transcript)

- Public Transport Victoria is developing an *On Road Network Development Plan* which will identify opportunities to address modal integration.
- The *Melbourne Metro Rail Project* also addresses gaps in connectivity between tram and train services, particularly at Malvern, Caulfield and Parkville stations.

2. *Please advise the proportion of V/Line and Metro trains that ran on time during the weekday peak hours on each line in each of the first four months of 2015.*

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V/Line - proportion of trains that ran on time during the weekday peak hours				
Parent Route	January	February	March	April
Albury	96.6%	93.2%	96.6%	97.9%
Ararat & Maryborough	96.2%	100.0%	97.6%	91.1%
Bairnsdale	81.1%	73.7%	57.5%	27.3%
Ballarat	96.9%	95.7%	94.8%	92.3%
Bendigo	94.6%	92.7%	94.5%	91.2%
Geelong	85.9%	87.5%	87.4%	86.2%
Gippsland	87.1%	83.3%	72.8%	67.5%
Seymour	86.2%	88.7%	86.3%	86.7%
Shepparton	89.5%	95.0%	95.1%	95.0%
Swan Hill & Echuca	95.8%	93.6%	88.3%	93.2%
Warrnambool	84.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Network total	90.8%	90.6%	88.8%	86.4%

Metro - proportion of trains that ran on time during the weekday peak hours				
Parent Route	January	February	March	April
Alamein	93.9%	94.0%	92.5%	89.9%
Belgrave	89.3%	83.5%	86.8%	82.6%
Craigieburn	91.7%	91.3%	90.6%	89.6%
Cranbourne	91.4%	90.5%	86.8%	85.0%
Frankston	89.2%	91.4%	89.2%	90.1%
Glen Waverley	95.0%	93.6%	94.4%	94.1%
Hurstbridge	91.9%	91.9%	92.1%	90.8%
Lilydale	91.9%	87.5%	88.2%	86.9%
Pakenham	92.8%	93.3%	86.7%	85.7%
Sandringham	96.1%	95.8%	94.0%	95.8%
South Morang	94.2%	95.0%	94.1%	94.3%
Stony Point	96.4%	97.0%	95.8%	N/A
Sunbury	91.2%	91.0%	93.0%	91.9%
Upfield	93.6%	93.5%	95.1%	94.2%
Werribee	87.1%	89.3%	86.6%	86.1%
Williamstown	91.6%	91.6%	90.7%	90.5%
Network total	92.0%	91.6%	90.6%	89.9%

3. Please provide a description of activities under the Accessible Public Transport in Victoria program, including whether the program has been expanded, maintained at the same level or reduced.

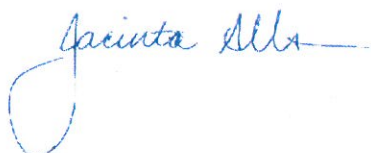
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- The 2011-12 state budget allocated funding of \$20 million over four years to continue to upgrade public transport infrastructure in line with *Disability Discrimination Act* (DDA) standards. This funding ends on 30 June 2015.

- V/Line stations have benefited from projects including platform resurfacing and tactile, access ramp improvements, accessible toilets, handrails, seating and shelters.
- The Seymour buggy service was reinstated by funds from this program.
- Savings from the program are now funding waiting areas for boarding assistance at 133 regional platforms with accompanying signage and Easy English posters to support V/Line's accreditation for the Communication Access Symbol.
- Additional funding of \$14.9 million over 2 years was announced in the 2015-16 state budget to improve the accessibility of public transport and to contribute towards meeting its obligations under the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (DSAPT). This funding was provided under the Road and Rail Minor Works Fund.
- The new program focuses on the installation of Vehicle Passenger Information Systems on A Class and Citadis Trams and metro station improvements including raised boarding platforms, platform shelters and accessible toilets.

The scope of the new program does not include regional station accessibility improvement works.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jacinta Allan', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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