



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

2011-12 BUDGET ESTIMATES QUESTIONNAIRE

Department of Business and Innovation (DBI)

Part A

PART A: Non-budget-sensitive information

Responses to questions in Part A are due by 5.00pm, Thursday 28 April 2011

1. Strategic priorities

Question 1.1

What are the Department's key strategic priorities that underpin its budget for 2011-12 and over the forward estimates to 2014-15?

The Department's key strategic priorities for 2011-12 are:

- Exports – create economic opportunity for Victorian businesses by providing export development assistance in relation to product, financing, marketing and logistics;
- Industry assistance – support businesses to maximise job growth, business growth and commercial opportunities;
- Manufacturing – work with the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) to develop a strategy to support the manufacturing sector;
- Streamline employment programs with a focus on youth and indigenous jobseekers and skilled migration; and
- Regulation reform – tailor regulation to limit the impact on business.

The 2011-12 strategic priorities are in line with the Department's objectives (outcomes) that DBI aims to achieve:

- Supply low cost information and assistance to **Victorian businesses so they are better placed to start-up, export and grow.**
- Provide market intelligence and assistance to organisations to make it easy to invest and to promote **Victoria as an attractive place to invest.**
- Create awareness campaigns to encourage **more tourists to visit Victoria**
- Identify industry requirements for skilled workers and assist businesses in accessing skilled workers from overseas to align the **skills base to better meet industry needs**
- Support organisations to undertake collaborative research so **knowledge is created and innovation stimulated.**

Question 1.2

If applicable, how do these priorities differ from the previous year?

The Department's priorities for 2011-12 reflect the Government's sharper focus on creating economic opportunities to stimulate job and business growth, support the manufacturing sector and implement regulation reform that tailors regulation to limit the impact on business.

2. Budget preparation

Question 2.1

- (a) Does your Department estimate the cost of providing input into the process of developing the State Budget?

No. Numerous areas of the Department are involved in the budget process and it is not practical to estimate the input cost of developing the State Budget.

- (b) If so, what are the cost centres involved e.g. preparation of budget bids; preparation, internal reviews and approvals of business cases; servicing the Budget Expenditure Review Committee?

Not applicable refer to 2.1 (a).

- (c) If it is possible to do so, what is the Department's estimate of the cost of work undertaken as part of the preparation of the 2011-12 Budget (please provide a breakdown according to key tasks if possible). For the Department of Treasury and Finance, please provide a breakdown that differentiates between the part of the Department that provides input as a department and the part of the Department that manages the budget process as a whole on behalf of the Government.

Not applicable refer to 2.1 (a).

- (d) What is the estimated expenditure incurred for the engagement of consultants by the Department to assist in the preparations of items considered for the State Budget for 2011-12?

Nil. The Department's submission of items for consideration in this State Budget did not require any external assistance.

Question 2.2 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

- (a) What is the cost of the development, preparation and publication of the budget papers? Please also provide the details of the number of resources employed and hours entailed.
- (b) What is the Department of Treasury and Finance's view on publishing in future, as part of the budget papers, the cost of

developing, preparing and publishing this key accountability document for the State?

Question 2.3 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

If not detailed in the budget papers, please indicate the figure for Victoria's estimated GSP for 2011-12 used in the budget papers and how it was calculated.

3. Performance measures

Question 3.1 (Department of Treasury and Finance only)

What proposed training and development initiatives are planned by DTF to update or re-skill the general government sector in the requirements of outcome-based reporting, should the Public Finance and Accountability Bill become legislation?