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Dear Mr Davis,

2012-13 BUDGET ESTIMATES FURTHER INFORMATION

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 June 2012 with a list of questions taken on notice at the Budget Estimates hearings regarding my portfolios on 16 May 2012.

Attached are my responses to the questions asked by the Committee relating to the Consumer Affairs portfolio and Energy and Resources portfolio. I note that there were no questions relating to the Gaming portfolio.

I trust this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

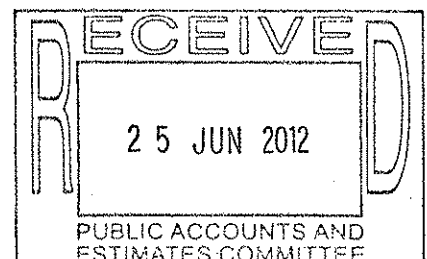
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Consumer Affairs

Please provide a list of Consumer Affairs Victoria programs (including grant programs) that have been discontinued and/or transferred. For each program please also include the value of the program.

Funding of \$17.8 million will be transferred to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing in 2012-13 for the purpose of liquor regulation.

In 2012-13, grants from the Victorian Property Fund (VPF) will be reduced by \$14 million in order to replenish the working capital of the Fund and secure its long-term position.

No programs (including grant programs) will be discontinued, and the reduction in VPF grants will not lead to a reduction in access to services.

Payments on approved grants are continuing.

Energy and Resources

When the figures are available, please indicate how much the Victorian Government will contribute to the Mallee solar park project, and what proportion of this will come from existing programs and what proportion will come from additional budget funding.

On 9 June 2012, the Commonwealth Government announced the award of Solar Flagships funding to a NSW solar project managed by AGL and First Solar. The Victorian Mallee solar park project was unsuccessful in securing Commonwealth funding (a requirement of the Victorian Government large scale solar project process).

