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Mr David Morris MP
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Dear Mr Morris

2013-14 BUDGET ESTIMATES - FURTHER INFORMATION - ENERGY AND EARTH RESOURCES

Thank you for your letter date 20 June 2013 regarding further information following the 2013-14 Energy and Earth Resources Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget estimates hearing.

The response to your request for additional information is attached.

If you or your officers have any queries regarding the response, please contact Ms Deborah Jepsen, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Ministerial Services on 9651 9421.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Energy and Resources

Date:

18/07/2013

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**ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND
 FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO
 BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

ENERGY AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

1. Please advise the number (in FTE terms) and VPS grades of staff expected to be engaged in processing mining/exploration licence applications and work plans (supporting the three performance measures with targets of '<5' on Budget Paper No.3, p.237) for 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2014.

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Response:

The Tenements and Operations work units (formerly within the Earth Resources Regulation Division of the Department of Primary Industries) are responsible for the administration of minerals and petroleum exploration license applications, mining licence applications and mining industry work plans in Victoria. This includes the processing and determination of minerals and petroleum licenses and the assessment and approval of mining work plans.

There are a total of 23 FTE from the Tenements and Operations work units that are engaged in the delivery of these services in addition to performing and delivering other regulatory responsibilities. This level of staffing is applicable both to 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The VPS grades for the staff involved in these services include the following:

- 1 - VPS2
- 4 - VPS3
- 8 - VPS4
- 4 - VPS5
- 6 - VPS6