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Mr David Morris MP
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Public Accounts & Estimates Committee
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Dear Mr Morris

2013-14 BUDGET ESTIMATES FURTHER INFORMATION - STATE DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2013 regarding the 2013-14 Budget Estimates further information - State Development Portfolio Regional and Rural Development.

My 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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Acting Minister for State Development
Acting Minister for Rural and Regional Development

Date: ~ 5 AUG 2013

Encl.



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

STATE DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Please provide, for those parts of the departments of Business and Innovation; Planning and Community Development; and Primary Industries that were merged into the new Department of State Development, Business and Innovation, as at 30 June 2012 and following the machinery-of-government changes:
- staff numbers (FTE);
 - numbers of agency staff; and
 - commissions paid for agency staff.

	Relevant components as at 30 June 2012:			Following machinery-of-government changes (as at May 2013)
	DBI*	DPCD	DPI	DSDBI
Staff numbers (FTE)	712	145	153	1000
Number of agency staff	230 (estimated)	20 (estimated)	50 (estimated)	336 (estimated)
Commissions paid for agency staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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* Number includes the whole of government ICT group which transferred in from DTF as part of the machinery-of-government changes. Number does not include the Private Sector Industrial Relations group which transferred out to DTF.

2. Please disaggregate the 'efficiencies and savings' targets for 2013-14 (as reported in the Department's response to the Committee's 2013-14 Budget Estimates Questionnaire, Question 12 and Budget Paper No.3) into the constituent units or areas of responsibility.

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Initiative (\$m)	Corporate Services & Communications, Executive Management & Ministerial Services	Operational/Function Areas	To be allocated to Divisions	Total
Government election commitment savings (2011-12 Budget)	7.9	6.0		13.8
Measures to offset the GST reduction (2011-12 Budget)	2.5	15.6		18.1
Capping departmental expenditure growth (2011-12 Budget Update)	9.2	1.3		10.5
Maintain a sustainable public service (2011-12 Budget Update)	1.1	12.2		13.4
Savings (2012-13 Budget)	4.7	15.2		19.9
Efficiency measures (2012-13 Budget Update) Early progress of Sustainable Government Initiative.		0.8	4.0	4.8
Totals (\$m)	25.4	51.1	4.0	80.5

3. Regarding the *Refocusing the Public Service* initiative (Budget Paper No.3, p.63), please indicate what the costs that will be reduced relate to.

(Pages 11-12 of the State Development portfolio transcript)

The level of savings to be applied within the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation is currently being negotiated with the Department of Treasury and Finance. When finalised savings are expected to be realised within

the Corporate support functions of the Department (accommodation, information technology, etc.).

REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Please provide a full list of the Regional Development Victoria projects in Ballarat.

As of 30 April 2013, Regional Development Victoria was delivering 21 projects in Ballarat City, at a total of \$9.07 million, through the various funding streams of the Regional Growth Fund.

Regional Growth Fund initiatives
Putting Locals First
Ballarat Regional Tourism Destination Management Strategy
Rural Lifestyle Expo 2013
Ballarat Station Precinct Master Planning
Master Planning the Lydiard Street Campus Precinct
Revitalising the Australian Catholic University Hospital Precinct Feasibility Study
New Rural Industries Australia 2012 Conference Ballarat
City of Ballarat Retail Excellence Workshops and Mentoring Program
Rural Lifestyle Expo
Collect, Conserve, Connect; Museums Australia (Victoria) 2012 State Conference
Live Your Dream Senior Star Quest
Ballarat International Foto Biennale 2011
Local Government Infrastructure
Replace Magpie Bridge
Learmonth Sulky Road
Economic Infrastructure
Growing the University of Ballarat Technology Park
Mars Utilities Efficiency Investment
Building Stronger Regions
Local Solutions Year 12 Retention Fund - Ballarat Christian College
Local Solutions Year 12 Retention Fund - Ballarat Specialist School
Regional Community Leadership Fund - Leadership Ballarat and Western Region
Regional Community Leadership Fund - Victorian Regional Community Leadership Program Secretariat (VRCLPS)
Developing Stronger Regions
Accessing our Regional Heritage
Ballarat West Employment Zone Implementation Report