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Dear Mr Pearson

2015-16 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

I understand you wrote to the Hon John Eren MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, on 17 June 2015 requesting a response to a question on notice that he took during his Tourism and Major Events budget estimates hearing on 19 May 2015.

The Hon John Eren MP advised you that the issue raised is in respect to the *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund* (RJIF) which falls within my portfolio as Minister for Regional Development and that he was referring the question to me. I apologise for the delay in response.

The issue raised was the expected commencement date and the allocation of funding from the RJIF in each year of the forward estimates for the following commitments:

- Securing Avalon Airport's future;
- Harcourt mountain bike trail;
- Sovereign Hill by night;
- Grampians Peak Trail;
- Bendigo Aspire Project;
- Wine Victoria strategies;
- Stawell Gift; and
- Wandong, Wallan and Heathcote rail trail.

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The timing and cash flows for RJIF projects are a matter for project proponents and may depend on a range of matters such as the ability of proponents to leverage necessary

funding from other sources such as the Commonwealth and local governments. The Government will ensure RJIF funding is available to meet negotiated project cash-flows.

Where practical, information has been provided in the table below on the expected commencement dates and the allocations of funding for election commitments. The commencement dates and forward estimate funding allocations are preliminary in nature and subject to change.

Project:	Commencement date:	Total RJIF Funding:	Funding: 2015/16:	Funding: 2016/17:	Funding: 2017/18:	Funding: 2018/19:
Harcourt Mountain Bike Trail	2015/16 FY	\$1 million	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sovereign Hill by Night	Q1 – 2015/16 FY	\$8 million	CIC	CIC	CIC	CIC
Grampians Peak Trail	2015/16 FY	\$19 million	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Bendigo Aspire Project	2015/16 FY	\$5 million	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wine Victoria strategies	2015/16 FY	\$1 million	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stawell Gift	2015/16 FY	\$600,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Wandong, Wallan and Heathcote rail trail	2015/16 FY	\$150,000	\$135,000	\$15,000	-	-
TBD: To be determined CIC: Commercial in Confidence						

The 2015/16 State Budget commitment project, *Securing Avalon Airport's future*, provides \$12 million (over four years) to ensure Jetstar will continue flying from Avalon Airport.

Yours sincerely



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Date: 28/8/2015