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- researchers;
- industry and business groups, including consultants; and
- government departments and agencies (in Victoria and other jurisdictions).

d) The guidelines currently state that the benefits of the policy include:

- stimulating economic activity and driving innovation and new services to the community and business;
- increasing productivity and improving personal and business decision making based on improved access to data;
- improving research outcomes by enabling access to primary data to researchers in a range of disciplines; and
- improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government by encouraging better management practices and use of the data.<sup>6</sup>

Please provide three examples of how the Department/Agency have seen the benefits materialised.

At GovHack 2017, an event to engage developers, analysts, researchers and other members of the community, participants used DTF data to design information resources, mobile and web applications to support the activities of regional youth, and to rethink the formats and type of insights that can be drawn from government data.

BudgetHack 2017, which was conducted in partnership with the Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network, generated well-developed ideas that explored new ways to present State Budget information and engage the broader community. The winning entry, iTreasurer, aimed to change the way that government and the Victorian community interact with the State Budget and encouraged civic participation to prioritise future funding.

Open data underpinned business cases and economic modelling prepared for the Level Crossing Removal, E-Gate and Melbourne Metro Rail projects.

e) What are the main future opportunities regarding the Department/Agency's data that have not been realised to date?

DTF proactively engages with its business units and teams to identify potential data sets for release. In the future the Department considers that there may be opportunities to improve data release by working with taskforces and portfolio entities to identify priority datasets for release.

There is also an opportunity to improve the quality and usefulness of the Department's data, to respond to users' needs. DTF has contributed to the

<sup>6</sup>Department of Treasury and Finance, *DataVic Access Policy Guidelines for the Victorian Public Sector* (2015), p.1









