

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION  
INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**ATTACHMENT JB-9 TO STATEMENT OF JULIANNE HELEN BRENNAN**

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## WRITTEN ADJOURNMENT RESPONSES

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COUNCIL

Tuesday, 23 June 2015

The 2015-16 Budget establishes a new Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. The Community Sports Infrastructure Fund provides a four year commitment totalling \$100 million to councils and community sports clubs, and includes upgrade of buildings, change rooms and training facilities to increase sporting participation in the community.

**Challenge Family Violence**

**Raised with:** Minister for Police

**Raised by:** Mr O'Donohue

**Raised on:** 27 May 2015

**REPLY:**

The Andrews Labor Government has embarked on Australia's first Royal Commission into Family Violence and allocated \$81.3 million in new funding in the 2015-16 State Budget to support its work and address the tragedy of family violence.

The Royal Commission's terms of reference include a specific focus on strategies to prevent family violence. It has consulted with stakeholders and received many submissions about strategies to prevent family violence in our community, including from those organisations that have received funding under the Reducing Violence Against Women and their Children grants program.

The government has committed to implement the Royal Commission's recommendations, and further investment in prevention initiatives will be guided by the Commission's findings.

A key objective of the grants program was to provide funding over three years to pilot specific projects to help build the evidence base for primary prevention and early intervention initiatives. Under the terms of funding, grant funds were allocated to an independent evaluation of each project. I am pleased that the early learnings from the projects are being shared with the Royal Commission, and expect that the final evaluation reports will provide a valuable resource to the Government in implementing the Royal Commission's recommendations.

In the interim, the existing programs continue to be funded through to the end of December 2015 and each organisation has developed plans to ensure the sustainability of key aspects of the work following the conclusion of the funding period.

**Victorian Racing Industry Fund**

**Raised with:** Minister for Racing

**Raised by:** Ms Tierney

**Raised on:** 27 May 2015

**REPLY:**

The Government recognises the importance of a vibrant and strong racing industry that contributes over \$2.8 billion annually in economic activity to Victoria and has more than 114 000 people directly involved as employees and participants.

The Government's Plan to Keep Victorian Racing Strong outlined a number of key initiatives to further grow and strengthen all three Victorian racing codes, including the renewal of the Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) for a further four years.

The VRIF will continue to support the racing industry to improve racing and training infrastructure and customer facilities at thoroughbred, harness and greyhound venues, particularly in regional Victoria, for projects and initiatives that further stimulate and grow Victoria's racing industry.

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

As noted above, the ultimate source of the vast majority of VMIA's premium income is the State as Parliament allocates funds to departments by way of Appropriation. It is thus for government to decide how any VMIA surplus is distributed. VMIA will be in a position to meet the dividend commitments and still stay within its preferred accounting funding ratio range.

**Crime prevention**

**Raised with:** Minister for Police

**Raised by:** Ms Bath

**Raised on:** 10 June 2015

**REPLY:**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Justice is currently leading a review of the Victorian Government's approach to crime prevention. This includes meeting with a range of organisations to discuss crime prevention programs to help inform options for future evidence-based strategies and initiatives within the Justice & Regulation portfolio.

In the interim the Andrews Labor Government has delivered a fresh injection of \$5.8 million to the Community Crime Prevention Program while the review takes place.

This money is supporting the following funding streams:

- Public Safety Infrastructure Fund—larger grants for councils of up to \$250 000 that use urban design and technology such as CCTV and lighting to improve safety in public places.
- Graffiti prevention and removal, continuing a program begun by Labor in 2005.
- The Community Safety Fund—grants of up to \$10 000 for councils and community groups to implement locally based crime prevention projects.
- Place-based grants for crime hotspots—piloting new grants for places of high crime and disadvantage, with an emphasis on evidence-based projects involving youth, Koori and culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

There is a very broad opportunity for community organisations to access grant funding under these programs.