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Regards

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social development in Central Western NSW

Cathryn

Thank you for your letter, dated 13 March 2012. Please find attached a marked up copy of the Hansard transcript and the Witness Feedback Questionnaire, as requested.

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In terms of the follow up material I offer the following:

Page 27 last paragraph - I offered to provide the amounts awarded to Councils under the Local Government Infrastructure Program. These are available at:

<http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-programs/local-government-program>

Page 29, paras 3-8 - I offered to follow up on student accommodation in response to a question from Mr Whan.

Two student accommodation proposals have been funded. One is at Deakin University and the second at the University of Ballarat. Neither are operational at this point so there is nothing to report with respect to outcomes. The details are in the press releases below.

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/366-coalition-government-addresses-ballarat-student-accommodation-shortage.html?qh=YToxMDp7aTowO3M6Nzoic3R1ZGVudCI7aToxO3M6Odoic3R1ZGVudHMiO2k6MjtzOjk6InN0dWRLbnRzJyI7aTozO3M6OToic3R1ZGVudCdzIjtpOjQ7czoxMzoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGlvbiI7aTo1O3M6MTE6ImFjY29tbW9kYXRlIjtpOjY7czoxMjoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGVzIjtpOjc7czoxMjoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGVkIjtpOjg7czoxMzoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGluZyI7aTo5O3M6MjE6InN0dWRLbnQgYWNjb21tb2RhdGlvbiI7fQ==>

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/517-victorian-government-commits-10-2-million-to-deakin-university-for-regional-student-accommodation.html?qh=YToxMDp7aTowO3M6Nzoic3R1ZGVudCI7aToxO3M6Odoic3R1ZGVudHMiO2k6MjtzOjk6InN0dWRLbnRzJyI7aTozO3M6OToic3R1ZGVudCdzIjtpOjQ7czoxMzoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGlvbiI7aTo1O3M6MTE6ImFjY29tbW9kYXRlIjtpOjY7czoxMjoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGVzIjtpOjc7czoxMjoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGVkIjtpOjg7czoxMzoiYWNjb21tb2RhdGluZyI7aTo5O3M6MjE6InN0dWRLbnQgYWNjb21tb2RhdGlvbiI7fQ==>

Page 32, top - I agreed to provide details of funding allocated to projects.

The link below takes you to a web page, from which you can navigate to a project listing with funding by year, some case studies and some evaluation reports.

<http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-us/regional-infrastructure-development>

Page 32, centre - Dr Phelps was interested in population growth rates. The ABS Population Estimates released last Friday confirm his suggestion that the lowest growth (or in fact decline) is in the Mallee/North West of the State. Towong Shire, on the upper reaches of the River Murray also experienced a small decline.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Products/3218.0~2010-11~Main+Features~Victoria?OpenDocument#PARALINK3>

Page 33, top - Dr Phelps made reference to the reopening of a railway station in central Victoria. I believe he may be referring to the reopening of Clunes Railway Station in December 2011.

<http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/2666-community-celebrates-return-of-trains-to-clunes.html>

Page 33, bottom - The research referred to by Regional Cities Victoria is available at:

http://www.regionalcitiesvictoria.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50&Itemid=53

Page 34, bottom - Dr Phelps asked about the Air 5428 Project which we hope will be secured by the RAAF Base at East Sale. The link below takes you to a recent article about the region's campaign to win this project.

<http://sale.yourguide.com.au/news/local/news/general/new-push-for-raaf-contract/2461252.aspx>

Page 35, centre - Mr Lynn raised the issue of the growth of Omeo, his old home town. He might be interested to read about the Independence Group's proposal to reopen the Stockman Mine at Benambra, some 25 kilometres from Omeo.

<http://www.igo.com.au/irm/content/stockman.html>

RDV is working with the Departments of Business and Innovation and Primary Industries to support with an Environmental Effects Statement expected to be released by the company later this year.

Page 35, bottom - Mr Whan asked about research into factors involved in people's decisions to relocate to regional Victoria.

RDV has completed a report on this in late 2011. The results of this research will be released by the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Regional Cities in the lead up to the Regional Victoria Living Expo on 27, 28 and 29 April.

I will forward details once they are public.

Conclusion

Should I be able to provide any further assistance to you or the Committee, do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

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