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APPENDIX 17

Additional departmental
information available
on request



1. Statement that declarations of pecuniary interests have been duly completed by all relevant officers of the department

Declarations of pecuniary interests have been duly completed by all relevant officers of the department.

2. Details of shares held by a senior officer as nominee or held beneficially in a statutory authority or subsidiary

No shares are held by a senior officer as nominee or held beneficially in a statutory authority or subsidiary.

3. Details of publications produced by the department about the department, and how these can be obtained

Publications	Produced	How obtained
<i>Annual Report 2015–16</i>	October 2016	The annual report was tabled in parliament and is available on the department website: economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au
<i>DEDJTR Delivers – Strategic Plan 2016</i>	July 2016	The strategic plan is available on the department website: https://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/about-us/overview/strategic-plan

4. Details of changes in prices, fees, charges, rates and levies charged by the departments

The Government has committed to publish full lists of the indexed charges on the websites of each department. Data to be published on websites is not included here.

Agriculture Victoria

Domestic Animals Act 1994

Amendments to the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* were made following the commencement of the *Racing and Other Acts Amendment (Greyhound Racing and Welfare Reform) Act 2016*. As at 10 April 2017, section 69(3) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* required Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) to pay the Treasurer \$3.50 in respect of each registration fee collected by it in each financial year for the registration of a GRV greyhound. No payments have been received to date.

Title	2015–16 rate	2016–17 rate
Payments to the Treasurer s. 69(3) <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i>	\$0.00	\$3.50 in respect of each registration fee collected by Greyhound Racing Victoria for the registration of a Greyhound Racing Victoria greyhound.

Biosecurity fees and charges

The department publishes data on indexation of fees and fines on the department website: economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au

Fees and charges, relevant to biosecurity, are governed by the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*, which is administered by DELWP.

There were changes during the 2016–17 financial year in prices, fees, charges, rates and levies charged by the entity due to the following legislative amendments:

- Remaking of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2016 – commenced 18 October 2016 (penalties only).
- Making of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Fees) Regulations 2016 – commenced on 18 October 2016 – amended scientific licence fees prescribed in Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008, and added two hourly rates for compliance monitoring fees: one for the administrative activities associated with the preparation of a compliance report and another rate for the inspectorial activities.
- Passing of the *Livestock Disease Control Amendment Act 2016* – commenced 1 January 2017 and 1 March 2017. This Act replaced an existing section (s. 8A) with a revised and restructured section on the same matter.

Title	2015–16 rate	2016–17 rate
Issue of scientific procedures licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	1 year – \$546.00 2 year – \$866.00 3 year – \$1185.90 4 year – \$1505.90
Renewal of scientific procedures premises licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	1 year – \$460.70 2 year – \$775.00 3 year – \$1087.80 4 year – \$1402.10
Issue of scientific procedures fieldwork licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	With Victorian Animal Ethics Committee nomination 1 year – \$457.90 2 year – \$725.20 3 year – \$994.00 4 year – \$1262.70 Without Victorian Animal Ethics Committee nomination 1 year – \$530.40 2 year – \$755.10 3 year – \$978.30 4 year – \$1203.00
Renewal of scientific procedures fieldwork licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	With Victorian Animal Ethics Committee nomination 1 year – \$391.10 2 year – \$652.70 3 year – \$912.90 4 year – \$1174.60 Without Victorian Animal Ethics Committee nomination 1 year – \$375.40 2 year – \$594.40 3 year – \$812.00 4 year – \$1029.50
Issue specified animals breeding licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	1 year – \$499.10 2 year – \$776.40 3 year – \$1052.30 4 year – \$1328.10
Renewal specified animals breeding licence (for each year or part of a year)	\$813.40	1 year – \$419.50 2 year – \$688.20 3 year – \$958.40 4 year – \$1228.60
Compliance report development by department hourly rate	NA	\$79.60
Compliance report development by department hourly rate	NA	\$142.20

Earth Resources Fees and Charges 2016-17

The standard fees and charges that apply to earth resources licensing and other regulatory requirements can be accessed via the Earth Resources Regulation externally facing web site: **earthresources.vic.gov.au**. Consistent with the automatic indexation of fees and penalties, the full list of earth resources fees and penalties is made available every year.

5. Details of major external reviews carried out on the department

Major review	Conducted by	Purpose	Completed
Audit Committee Governance	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO reviewed the governance arrangements for audit committees in all seven state government departments and Victoria Police.	Tabled: 31 August 2016
Board Performance	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO examined whether boards are performing effectively and contributing to effective governance of public sector entities. The scope of the audit included the department.	Tabled: 11 May 2017
Christmas Day Public Holiday – Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)	Ernst and Young	To evaluate the costs and benefits of a permanent legislative change to appoint Christmas Day as a public holiday when it falls on a Saturday or Sunday.	Reviewed and endorsed by the Office of the Commissioner for Better Regulation. Released for public consultation on 26 June 2017.
<i>Critical Infrastructure Resilience Implementation Progress Report 2016</i>	Inspector-General for Emergency Management	Monitor the progress of Emergency Management Victoria, relevant portfolio departments and industry partners in implementing Victoria's critical infrastructure resilience arrangements.	December 2016
Enhancing Food and Fibre Productivity	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	To assess the extent to which agricultural research development and extension is used to drive innovation, productivity and practice change.	Tabled in Parliament in August 2016
Financial Systems Controls Report: 2015–16	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO provided a high-level overview of the strength of information technology (IT) controls used by a number of public sector entities to protect their financial information. The scope of the audit included the department.	Tabled: 9 November 2016
Follow Up of Selected 2014–15 Performance Audits	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	This report follows up on three performance audits we completed in 2014–15: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional School Costs for Families • Effectiveness of Support for Local Government • Operational Effectiveness of the myki Ticketing System. <p>In this audit, we examined agencies' progress in implementing actions to address the recommendations from the original 2014–15 audits.</p>	Tabled: 22 June 2017

Major review	Conducted by	Purpose	Completed
<i>Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry: Implementation of recommendations and affirmations Annual Report 2016</i>	Inspector-General for Emergency Management	Monitor the implementation of recommendations and affirmations associated with the 2014 Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry and those arising from the 2015–16 re- opened inquiry.	November 2016
High Value High Risk (HVHR) 2016–17: Delivering HVHR Projects	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO examined whether the HVHR process has been effectively updated and applied to provide sufficient and reliable assurance about the deliverability of HVHR projects. To do this, VAGO examined whether agencies had implemented recommendations from the 2014 and 2015 HVHR audits.	Tabled: 26 October 2016
Inquiry into ride sourcing services	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquire into, consider and report on the need for, and appropriate structure of, regulation of ride sourcing services such as Uber.	Tabled: 23 March 2017
Inquiry into the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Bill 2017	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Consider and report on the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Bill 2017	Tabled: 8 June 2017
Inquiry into the control of invasive animals on Crown land	Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee	Inquire into the benefits of Parks Victoria and other agencies such as the Game Management Authority's use of community hunting organisations and individuals in the control of invasive animals on Crown land.	Tabled: 20 June 2017
Inquiry into the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms and Pet Shops) Bill 2016	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquire into the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms and Pet Shops) Bill 2016 and in particular examine the likely effect of the bill on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. existing Victorian dog breeders, and b. the availability of both pet and working dogs in the state of Victoria. 	Tabled: 6 December 2016
Inquiry into the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquire into and report on the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015 and, in particular – to inquire into, consider and make recommendations in relation to an evaluation of a minimum passing distance rule for motorists when overtaking cyclists.	Tabled: 15 September 2016

Major review	Conducted by	Purpose	Completed
Inquiry into the RSPCA Victoria	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquire into, consider and report on the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Victoria (Inc) in relation to – (1) the appropriateness and use of its powers pursuant to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, including in the context of its other objectives and activities; (2) the appropriateness and use of funding provided by the Victorian Government, including in the context of its other objectives and activities; and (3) any other consequential matters the Committee may deem appropriate.	Tabled: 22 August 2017
Maintaining State-Controlled Roadways	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO assessed whether Victoria's road network is being effectively and efficiently maintained. VAGO looked at whether VicRoads' road pavement maintenance program is soundly based and being efficiently managed to achieve the desired outcomes for the state. The scope of the audit also included the department.	Tabled: 22 June 2017
Managing the Performance of Rail Franchisees	Victorian Auditor-General's Office	VAGO looked at how Public Transport Victoria (PTV) manages its franchise agreements and oversees the assets it leases to franchisees, to improve the performance of the train and tram networks. VAGO also assessed how PTV and the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources have prepared for future franchise agreements.	Tabled: 7 December 2016
Public Participation in Government Decision-Making	Victorian Auditor-General	To examine the effectiveness of public participation activities in agency decision-making. This audit included the effectiveness of public engagement activities on the Level Crossing Removal Authority's Caulfield to Dandenong Project.	Tabled in parliament on 10 May 2017.

Major review	Conducted by	Purpose	Completed
Review of DEDJTR/ Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) Bilateral Research Development & Extension Agreement	Independent reviewer: Dr Don Plowman	To assess the governance, delivery (how efficiently and effectively the agreement is being implemented) and the appropriateness of the bilateral structure to achieve the whole of program objectives.	June 2017
Security of Critical Infrastructure Control Systems for Trains	Victorian Auditor- General's Office	VAGO reviewed the control systems of train operators and Public Transport Victoria's (PTV) oversight of these operators. The scope of the audit also included the department.	Tabled: 9 November 2016
Third report into Infrastructure Projects	Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee	Inquire into, consider and report, at least once every six months, on public sector infrastructure and public works projects, including current and past infrastructure projects and proposals and, in particular – (a) projects relating to the removal of railway level crossings; (b) the Western Distributor; (c) the Melbourne Metro Rail Project; (d) the sale/lease of Port of Melbourne; and (e) Melbourne Airport Rail Link; and any other public sector infrastructure or public works projects the Committee determines appropriate.	Tabled: 25 May 2017

6. Details of major research and development activities undertaken by the department

Research and development	Conducted by	Purpose
A systematic review of the impacts and management of introduced deer in Australia	Multiple collaborators including Biosecurity Branch and the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research	Providing a detailed examination of the impacts and management of deer to frame additional work required to manage these species in Victoria and elsewhere in Australia.
Advanced biosecurity diagnostics	Agriculture Victoria Research	Support state and national diagnostic, post entry quarantine and biosecurity emergency response for high priority pests and diseases through the development and delivery of next generation diagnostic tests, disinfestation protocols and smart surveillance tools using new and mobile devices for enhanced pest and disease diagnosis at remote sites.
Advanced dairy animal genetics	Agriculture Victoria Research	Continuously improve the health and profitability of the Victorian dairy herd and doubling the rate of genetic gain by developing and providing better technologies and tools to farmers for animal selection.
Advanced grains genetics	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and apply knowledge, technologies and tools to accelerate rate of genetic gain in crop improvement, delivering grains germplasm and better varieties faster for increased productivity and profitability in the grains industry. Increase farm profitability by improving the production, quality and disease resistance of wheat, oil seeds and pulses by developing genetic technologies and germplasm.
Advanced sheep genetics	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and provide better technologies and tools for sheep selection to farmers to improve the health and profitability of animals and the market value of wool and lamb.
Almond and pome and stone fruit integrated pest and disease management	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and extend control, monitoring and management strategies and practices that support best practice on-farm integrated pest and disease management for the almond and pome and stone fruit industries.
Almond and pome and stone fruit orchard management systems	Agriculture Victoria Research	Improve the productivity and resilience of orchard management systems through the development and provision of key knowledge, tools and management recommendations to optimise orchard establishment, manage seasonal variability and ensure longer term profitability of the almond and pome and stone fruit industries.
Australian Grains Genebank	Agriculture Victoria Research	Manage the genetic resources that underpin the Australian grains industry, through the acquisition, maintenance and distribution of grains accessions to research, pre-breeding and breeding sectors for the development of improved grains germplasm and varieties.

Research and development	Conducted by	Purpose
Cereal integrated disease management	Agriculture Victoria Research	Lead and coordinate national research programs into the epidemiology of major cereal pathogens and the evaluation of breeding lines and varieties for disease resistance in order to develop integrated disease management packages for Victorian cereal growers.
Confirming eradication success of an invasive turtle	Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, the University of Adelaide and Biosecurity Branch	To confirm when red-eared slider turtles have been eradicated, guiding operational investment decisions.
Dairy feed resource allocation	Agriculture Victoria Research	Increase total farm milk production by developing management strategies and tools to more effectively allocate feed resources, both supplement and pasture within the herd.
Dairy knowledge management and delivery	Agriculture Victoria Research	Assist dairy farmers and service providers make informed decisions using digital products specifically designed to meet user needs.
Development of a harvest management, governance and resource sharing framework for a complex multi- sector, multi-jurisdiction fishery, i.e. the south-east Australian 'western' snapper stock	DEDJTR Fisheries in collaboration with MEZO Research	To provide resource managers and stakeholders with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a robust and transparent approach to harvest management decisions that provides biological sustainability and certainty of access • cost effective options for monitoring the recreational catch and a tool to assist in regulating recreational sector catches • recommendations for a multi-sector, multi-jurisdiction sharing and governance framework for the western stock snapper fishery.
Evaluating fish stocking success at Lake Purrumbete and Bullen Merri through angling club records	DEDJTR Fisheries	Evaluate the fish stocking of Chinook salmon, rainbow trout and brown trout in Lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri.
Formative evaluation of the national rabbit facilitator approach	Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, Biosecurity Branch and Furze Consulting	Conducting a formative evaluation of the systems strengthening approach used in the national rabbit facilitator project. The formative evaluation is critical to demonstrating success of the approach and applicability to other invasive species management issues.
High Rainfall Zone (HRZ) grains production	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and apply knowledge, technology and tools to design grain production systems that are targeted towards the rainfall conditions and longer growing seasons of the HRZ of south-west Victoria, thereby allowing farmers to realise the production potential of this area.
Horticulture industry innovation network	Agriculture Victoria Research	Increase industry connectivity to science and innovation, enhance horticulture industry capability and capacity and deliver on priority regional horticulture activities, particularly in the Goulburn Valley.

Research and development	Conducted by	Purpose
Livestock production systems	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop flexible and productive lamb systems to improve profitability and international competitiveness while meeting product quality and animal welfare requirements.
Major research: Melbourne as a global cultural destination	Boston Consulting Group	Undertake a major study into establishing Melbourne as a world-renowned cultural tourism destination and a global creative city.
Managing climate volatility in grain production	Agriculture Victoria Research	Generate knowledge of crop and disease responses anticipated under future climates and develop management guidelines for seasonal and extreme weather events to inform potential climate adaptation and mitigation strategies for grain growers.
Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment	DEDJTR Fisheries	Provide fisheries managers, policy makers and industry stakeholders with information and advice that will guide decisions and policy development aimed at ensuring fish stocks and the impacts of fishing are maintained at sustainable levels. Provide high-quality recreational catch and effort data for recreational fishery harvest decisions.
Medicinal cannabis	Agriculture Victoria Research	Establish Australia's first facility for cultivation, production and manufacture, under Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) accreditation, of medicinal cannabis to support the establishment of a medicinal cannabis industry in Victoria.
Native Fish Report Card Program	Arthur Rylah Institute	Native fish monitoring from 10 Victorian rivers.
New biocontrol solutions for sustainable management of weeds impacting agricultural profitability	Agriculture Victoria Research	Investigate potential biological control agents for two of Victoria's worst weeds, Sagittaria, delta arrowhead and silverleaf nightshade which cause both productivity and environmental impacts.
Pasture genetic improvement for dairy and livestock industries	Agriculture Victoria Research	Improve the production and resilience of pastures by developing new pasture-breeding genetic innovations delivered through better forage grass varieties with enhanced yield, nutritive value and persistence to increase on-farm dairy industry profitability.
Pasture management tools for the dairy industry	Agriculture Victoria Research	Improve productivity in the paddock by developing new management tools that improve on-farm agronomy decisions and enable improved forage cultivar selection.

Research and development	Conducted by	Purpose
Pest information hub	Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, Landcare Research (New Zealand), University of Adelaide, Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, WA Department of Agriculture and Food, Queensland University of Technology and Biosecurity Branch	A consortium approach to provide quantitative and strategic advice on new incursions of invasive vertebrates.
Port Phillip Bay shellfish reef restoration trial	DEDJTR Fisheries in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy	Develop and trial methods for restoring lost oyster and mussel reefs within Port Phillip Bay.
Premium quality fruit	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and apply knowledge, technology and tools to design improved harvest, storage and handling systems that deliver premium quality stone and pome fruit that meet customer expectations and Asian market requirements.
Productive soil, water and landscapes	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and apply knowledge, technology and tools to address soil-based constraints to agricultural production, to enhance nutrient and water-use efficiency and develop novel information products that support the sustainable use of land, soil and water resources within agriculture.
Provision of stock assessment science for the rock lobster and giant crab fisheries	Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies	Stock assessments are required to determine stock status, ensure the fisheries are being managed sustainably, and determine commercial quota limits.
Pulse breeding	Agriculture Victoria Research	Conduct breeding and varietal development and associated agronomy packages for lentil and field pea pulse crops, as part of the national Pulse Breeding Australia program. Pulses, in addition to being a high-value grain crop for export markets, are used in crop rotations as a disease break and to increase soil nitrogen.
Refinement of a flexible length-based model for rock lobster stock assessment	Meze Research Pty Ltd	To improve and modernise the Victorian rock lobster assessment model and implement a web-based visualisation system. This allows investigation of trends in the fishery, comparison with previous years and generally improve access and understanding of assessment methods and results.
Regional research agronomy	Agriculture Victoria Research	Increase industry skills and capacity to innovate by providing complete information packages on topics of high industry relevance and through the upskilling of graduates so they increase capacity available to the grains industry.

Research and development	Conducted by	Purpose
Soil and nutrient management for the grains industry	Agriculture Victoria Research	Develop and provide better technologies, tools and knowledge to design farming practices that more efficiently use nutrients and water, enhance soil health and improve profit and risk management.
Support for national animal biosecurity and incursion responses	Agriculture Victoria Research	Provide ongoing animal diagnostic services and specialist technical advice to department's Biosecurity Branch, other state agencies and various national committees. Recognised National Reference Laboratory for Anthrax and Johne's Disease.
Support for national plant biosecurity and incursion responses	Agriculture Victoria Research	Provide ongoing plant diagnostic services and specialist technical advice to department's Biosecurity Branch, other state agencies and various national committees. Provision of laboratory support for state and national incursion responses including Giant Pine Scale (Victoria), Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus (Northern Territory and Queensland) and the provision of confirmatory diagnostics for the tomato potato psyllid (TPP) incursion in WA including testing for <i>Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum</i> (CLso) and laboratory support for the Victorian 'Autumn' survey for TPP and CLso.
Understanding the risks of introduced exotic reptiles and amphibians	Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, University of Adelaide, Biosecurity Branch, and Agriculture Services and Biosecurity Operations	Utilising data from Victoria, the risks of establishment and the introduction of amphibian diseases were quantified. This predictive modelling approach will help Victoria understand the risks posed by exotic reptiles and amphibians.
Wild trout fishery management program	DEDJTR Fisheries and Arthur Rylah Institute	Assessment and applied research to track the performance of wild trout populations in northern Victoria.

7. Details of overseas visits undertaken including a summary of the objectives and outcomes of each visit

Title	Destination	Objective	Outcome
A/Manager Student Initiatives, International Education Sector Team	Sri Lanka	On 27 November 2015, the Hon. Philip Dalidakis MP approved the implementation of the VPS Asia Capabilities and Scholarship Program. A/Manager Student Initiatives, International Education Sector Team, was selected by the Program selection panel to undertake an International Assignment in Sri Lanka	The outcomes were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed closer relationships with senior government representatives, industry peak bodies, aid and development agencies • Increased the profile of Victoria's educational expertise with education agents, vocational providers, NGO's government officials and other key stakeholders • Gained first hand local intelligence which will assist the Department in making informed business decisions in a country where the Victorian government currently doesn't have a dedicated presence • Developed a greater understanding of the drivers for future development of Sri Lanka and the role Victoria might play in this future • Further development of Asian capabilities
Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) China Reciprocal Program, Lead Deputy Secretary Strategy and Planning	Kunming Beijing / Shanghai	Provides for an exchange of information and ideas and exposes participants to the challenges facing the Government of China and how it manages them.	A deeper knowledge of issues facing China and how its government is approaching them, and what this might mean in terms of opportunities and threats for the Victorian economy.

Title	Destination	Objective	Outcome
Chief Plant Health Officer	Korea	Accompany the Australian Chief Plant Health Officer to the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures in Korea. Australia will be pursuing a strategic goal to shape international phytosanitary standards and their implementation. The travel sought to strengthen relationships with Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) and facilitate collaboration on plant health protocol and standard development, greater harmonisation between international standards and domestic market access arrangements. The travel aimed to significantly improve the capability and knowledge of trade/market access and phytosanitary systems.	Victorian Chief Plant Health Officer accompanied the Australian Chief Plant Health Officer at the meeting of the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures in Korea. The member of the Australian delegation developed a better understanding of how Australia works to shape international phytosanitary standards and their implementation. The travel strengthened relationships with DAWR and facilitated collaboration on plant health protocol and standard development. The travel provided an opportunity to better understand global plant health issues and trends impacting upon trade/market access and phytosanitary systems.
Deputy Secretary, Creative Victoria	Thailand	The Deputy Secretary was invited by the Royal Thai Embassy to visit Bangkok to present a keynote address on 'Creative Victoria: a successful case for the growth of creative and cultural economy' at the Bangkok International Digital Content Festival (BIDCF).	<p>Delivered keynote speech on Victoria's creative industries expertise and excellence as part of BIDCF 2017.</p> <p>Met senior executives from Ministries of Foreign Affairs; Commerce, Digital Economy to outline our creative industries strategy and creative sector expertise.</p> <p>Met with Ambassador for Australia and toured new cultural precinct development.</p>

Title	Destination	Objective	Outcome
Deputy Secretary, Creative Victoria and Director, Strategy, Screen and Design, Creative Victoria	USA	<p>To accompany the Minister for Creative Industries leading the delegation to the 2017 Game Developers Conference, to meet leading creative and cultural institutions, film and television production companies, funding organisations and peak bodies in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. Benefits to Victoria are closer cultural institutional links, generation of economic benefits, promotion of Victoria creative industries strengths and skills, and greater understanding of policy and governance settings.</p> <p>To attend PAX East to support the delegation at this games trade showcase.</p> <p>The Victorian Government has supported a delegation at GDC since 1996. In 2017, Creative Victoria is planning to support up to 50 Victorian digital games companies with business development, investment and export activities.</p> <p>Previous missions to GDC have reported up to \$32 million in new exports and opened up new business opportunities. Benefits to the sector include exposure to new markets, potential business partners, and the latest in sector innovation and gamification.</p>	<p>Promoted Victoria's creative industries, strengthened institutional links and advanced discussions for new creative industry investments and production attraction into Victoria.</p> <p>Developed relationships and shared information on relevant funding and policy settings related to cultural precinct development, co-working spaces and a cultural institution.</p> <p>Promoted Victoria's delegation at the 2017 Game Developers Conference (GDC) which is a major digital games investment and export development opportunity for Victorians. This year, thirty five companies attended GDC and collectively, an estimated \$12 million in business will be done in the next 24 months as a direct result. Creative Victoria supported two networking events at GDC: the Australian Showcase, widely referred to as the best of the GDC evening networking events, attracted over 400 people. A showreel of notable Victorian developers was screened and Melbourne International Games Week was featured too.</p> <p>A Victorian Government Networking Event, attended by the Minister for Creative Industries, attracted 115 people.</p>

Title	Destination	Objective	Outcome
Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Research and Research Director, Genomics and Cellular Sciences	USA	<p>Attend the 2017 Biotechnology Innovation Organisation (BIO) International Convention, San Diego, CA and progress collaborations with research partners. The Annual BIO International Convention is the leading Biotechnology conference where trends and developments in bioeconomy development are presented and discussed. Planned meetings are essential for effective program governance and consolidation of relationships with the research partners in the US.</p> <p>Meet with Senior Executives from Dow AgroSciences (DAS) and global agbiotech industry representatives.</p>	<p>The Deputy Secretary chaired meetings and delivered an invited seminar at Dow AgroSciences (DAS) on accelerated precision breeding technologies developed by AVR for applications in grains (wheat and canola). Departmental representatives reviewed progress across current research projects undertaken by AVR within the Strategic Partnership between DEDJTR and DAS sponsored R&D projects for transformational genetic innovation in grains. The projects will fund 30 innovation jobs in Victoria and deliver productivity benefits to the Victorian grains industry. They reviewed and developed a key collaboration for forage improvement and new crop development. Secured a license to use plant biotechnology technology for forage improvement and new crop development in Victoria. Met with senior AgBiotech industry representatives (attending BIO2017 in San Diego), explored potential new partnership opportunities, gained market and innovation intelligence; and facilitated regulatory harmonization activity, communication, and education strategies for new technologies across jurisdictions.</p>

Title	Destination	Objective	Outcome
Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Victoria Research and Senior Research Scientist and Research Scientists, Agriculture Victoria Research	China	Attend the 9th International Symposium on Molecular Breeding of Forage and Turf (MBFT) as invited keynote speaker. MBFT is the most important international meeting dealing with the application of new knowledge and technologies for forage and turf plants. It provides improvement of the knowledge base for increased efficiency and productivity of the state's pasture-based industries through enhanced new technology adoption and increased involvement of the State in agriculture improvement internationally.	<p>a) Attended 9th International Symposium on MBFT 2016. Delivered opening keynote address and presentation of over 20 posters covering wide range of Agriculture Victoria's scientific achievements and recent advances in applied systems biology in forage grasses, forage legumes and their endosymbionts.</p> <p>As Chair of the MBFT International Organizing Committee, participation and presentation in official opening and closing sessions, including announcement of MBFT 2018 and securing MBFT 2020 to take place in Melbourne.</p> <p>b) Meeting with Lanzhou University. Held discussions with senior executives from Lanzhou University including University President and Academician on expanded collaborative R&D framework between Agriculture Victoria and Lanzhou University (i.e. China's leading university in pastoral agriculture), including new collaborative research project on discovery, characterization and deployment of fungal endophytes of forage grasses, and exchange program of higher degree-by research students between Lanzhou University and AgriBio/La Trobe University within the education program of the DairyBio initiative.</p>

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Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Victoria Research	Switzerland	Attend the 20th General Congress of European Society of Breeding Research (EURARPIA) as invited keynote speaker. Conference Attendance to enhance partner linkages and collaboration. This congress brings together experts in all fields related to plant breeding research to explore the challenges plant breeding is faced with in the next decades.	The Deputy Secretary presented as an invited speaker. The sessions covered a wide range of sessions on breeding technologies, genomics, genomic selection, phenomics, trait development for biotic and abiotic stresses, for the genetic improvement of crops and pastures. A keynote lecture on systems biology and molecular breeding of grass-endophyte symbiota was delivered. Meetings and technical discussions were held with research directors and principal research scientists from leading European research centres in molecular plant breeding (including Wageningen University-Netherlands, Aarhus University-Denmark, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology-Switzerland, INRA France, IPK Gatersleben-Germany).
Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Victoria Research	USA	Attend the Agricultural Bioscience International Conference (ABIC 2016) as invited keynote speaker and meet with collaborators from North Dakota State University. Enhanced linkages and strategic partnership networking. Further advance collaboration opportunities with research partner.	The Deputy Secretary delivered a keynote panel presentation at the Agricultural Bioscience International Conference (ABIC 2016). Collaborative frameworks were established to extend or create collaboration opportunities with research and industry partners. A joint license agreement with industry to humanitarian cassava genetic improvement program for Africa funded by the Gates Foundation was finalised.

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Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Victoria Research, Research Leader – Computational Biology Principal Research Scientist – Computational Biology 2 Senior Research Scientist – Molecular Genetics Research Leader – Plant Functional Genomics	USA	Attend the Plant and Animal Genome Conference 2017, San Diego, as well as contract mandated meetings with commercial partner (Dow AgroSciences). Attend key stakeholder meetings with the Royal Barenbrug Group to plan and present updates on collaborative projects that are being undertaken under the DairyBio framework. The planned meetings are essential for effective program governance and consolidation of relationships with the commercial partner. Current projects are concerned with technology application to Victorian state mandate species, such as wheat and canola. Successful implementation will consequently lead to more rapid delivery of superior varieties in rural producers, and consequently wealth-generation for the state.	The Plant and Animal Genomes (PAG) conference was attended by six department members. Five invited oral presentations were given by our staff during the conference. The PAG XXV conference focused on disseminating the latest advancements in plant and animal genetics and genomics. Attendance of this conference allowed advances relevant to research undertaken at AVR to be captured; knowledge which was communicated to co-workers upon returning from the conference. Further attendance as an invited speaker at the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Workshop allowed for promotion of AVR's cutting edge research and science capabilities, which facilitated discussions that are now being pursued to establish new collaborative research opportunities. Attendees ensured that the majority of relevant concurrent sessions were covered between them. The conference provided many opportunities for discussion with scientific and industry collaborators.
Deputy Secretary, Trade	Iran & UAE	To support a Ministerial visit to the UAE and Executive programs in the UAE and Iran.	Met with key government and industry stakeholders, including Iranian government ministries, the Iranian Mines & Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organisation (IMIDRO), Iran Australia Chamber of Commerce, Expo 2020, the International Cricket Council and Dubai South. Identified key projects and areas of competitive advantage aligned with Victoria's priority sectors for further investigation and action, in particular DEDJTR engagement with Iran in 2017. Improved the strategic positioning and in-market awareness of key Victorian sectors and strengthened relationships with Australian Government staff across the Middle East and North Africa region.

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Director, Art Sector Investment	Germany	Invitation from the Federal Foreign Office of Germany to learn about Berlin's approach to creative economy and development.	Director was able to make a number of important industry connections for Creative Victoria, which resulted in a Victorian creative industries showcase as part of Theater der Welt 2017. Creative Victoria was able to support the Victorian content through the DFAT Australia now: Germany 2017 program.
Director Brand & Partnerships, Operational Coordination	Canada	International Union of Public Transport (UITP) International Public Transport Summit – User Experience	Melbourne Convention Bureau, Public Transport Victoria and Transport for Victoria are bidding for 2021 conference for Melbourne.
Director Strategy, Screen and Design, Creative Victoria	Hong Kong	To support the Victorian delegation at 2016 Hong Kong Business of Design Week (BODW) and promote Melbourne partnership for 2018 HK BODW announcement. Benefits include international recognition of Victoria's design sector, Victoria as a design centre of excellence and exposure of Victorian design capability to an international audience. Links to new design initiatives included in the Creative State Strategy and announcement of Melbourne as the partner city for 2018 event.	Director has worked with Hong Kong Business of Design Week organising committee to secure Melbourne as the 2018 partner city. Melbourne is the only southern hemisphere city to be named as the partner which provides an unprecedented opportunity to promote Victorian design capability to a large international audience.
Director, Coal Resources	Japan	The Director, Coal Resources was requested by the Mayor of Latrobe City Council to accompany them on a business trip to Japan to meet with senior representative from a number of companies with an interest in the Latrobe Valley's coal resources.	The meetings assisted in further developing existing relationships and forming new relationships. Having both tiers of governing represented in meetings was viewed positively by the Japanese companies as feedback received post meeting from Australian representatives of the various entities.
Director, ICT/Tech Sector Development	Malaysia, Singapore	To lead a digital technology/ ICT mission of 65 delegates to Malaysia and Singapore in May 2016. The mission promoted Victoria's technology firms and capabilities, stimulated export outcomes and developed strategic international relationships at both industry and government levels.	The mission promoted Victoria's technology firms and capabilities, stimulated export outcomes and developed strategic international relationships at both industry and government levels.
Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Policy & Reform	Japan	Attend on behalf of the Head Transport for Victoria – the Australian-Japan Summit Meeting (representing Victoria).	Share place based learnings across Australia and Japan on transport network planning and investment.

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Director, International Education, Sector Development	Chile/Mexico	The purpose of the travel was to meet with key education related government officials and industry stakeholders to discuss international education opportunities with the respective markets. The Minister requested a departmental representative to accompany him as an adviser throughout his travel.	<p>Strengthened links with national and state governments in Mexico and Chile and opportunities for research, education and training partnerships.</p> <p>Attended roundtable meetings with education agents, in both Chile and Mexico, to promote Melbourne and Victoria as a study destination.</p> <p>Profiled the strengths of Victoria's VET system to scholarship bodies and technical institutes in Chile.</p> <p>Met with Victorian alumni and participants of the Australian Awards Fellowship program held in Melbourne in 2015 to discuss their follow up activities and partnerships with Victorian universities.</p> <p>Signed a letter of intent between the State of Victoria and the Ministry of Education, Chile to cooperate in matters related to Chile's Tertiary Education Reforms, in particular the creation of new public technical education institutes.</p>

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Director, International Education, Sector Development	Vietnam/ Indonesia	Support Minister for Trade visit to Vietnam and Indonesia.	<p>This trip enabled Victoria to expand its government to government links and market position with meetings, events and promotional activities conducted with senior Government officials, businesses, industry associations, and education institutions. In Indonesia, in particular, Ministerial level meetings provided an opportunity to better understand government priorities and potential opportunities for Victoria's professional service, education and training businesses. In Vietnam, two areas of opportunity for international education were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Vietnamese government is focused on boosting the quality of Vietnamese universities to meet growing demand; (ii) opportunities for Victoria's education and training sector were identified due to the planned reform of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector, through initiatives such as the introduction of a National Qualifications Framework, professional development of teachers, quality assurance and accreditation processes and curriculum development.
Director, MedTech/Pharma, Sector Development	China	The Victorian Government is committed to the VPS Asia Capabilities and scholarships program as a means of building Asia engagement and business skills within the government. The attendee was selected by the program selection panel for an international assignment to China.	The program plan was developed as an outcome of the visit.
Director, Systems Integration Team, MMRA	Denmark, Spain, United Kingdom	Investigation of reference projects nominated by shortlisted proponents for the Rail Systems Package.	Informed the evaluation of shortlisted proponents for the Rail Systems package culminating in the recommendation of the preferred proponent in July 2017.

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District Veterinary Officers (seven)	Nepal	<p>Travel to Kathmandu (Nepal) to undertake real-time field training in foot and mouth disease (FMD). The primary aim of the travel was to increase capability to recognise, diagnose and implement control measures in the event of a FMD outbreak in Victoria.</p> <p>The training sought to increase Victoria's (DEDJTR) capability to recognise, diagnose and control FMD at an earlier stage, resulting in significant savings in the event of an outbreak.</p> <p>Delivery of the Department's FMD Preparedness Project in the context of maintaining and strengthening the capability of departmental staff to conduct surveillance work and epidemiological investigations to accurately and promptly diagnose a FMD case, and to respond promptly and effectively to a FMD incursion.</p>	<p>By attending this real-time field training, Victoria's emergency animal disease response capability and skills in the recognition of clinical FMD, and practiced epidemiological assessments of disease spread and management, has been significantly increased should there be a FMD outbreak in Victoria.</p>
Executive Director, Invest Victoria	Germany and UK	To meet with defence related companies and reinforce Victoria's advantages to the shortlisted companies for the Commonwealth Government's LAND 400 Phase 2 project.	Meetings were held with the shortlisted companies. Discussions are continuing with these companies.
Executive Director, Trade	China	To represent the department at meetings, attend key networking events, identify new trade opportunities, and manage Minister Dalidakis' schedule.	<p>Reported outcomes as a result of the missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediate export sales – \$3,848,000 • anticipated additional sales over a 1-12 month period – \$19,500,000 • anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$65,736,000 <p>Expected total outcomes from SIAL 2017 over a 24 month period – \$89,084,000.</p>

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Head of Strategic Partnerships, Agriculture	Israel	Attend a trade mission designed for Food and Agribusiness leaders to engage, collaborate and learn from Israel's success as a world leader in Food and Agribusiness innovation and commercialisation. Expand collaborative "Farm to Fork" Agribusiness links, to understand Israel's cluster methodologies and government support policies as well as to appreciate how the strategic integration of university and researcher inputs along with value chain is successfully achieved.	Gained insights into Israel's innovation ecosystem and helped to establish networks and identify potential collaborations with Israel in Agritech. The insights will help inform work on Victoria's Innovation Strategy and regional cluster development. Opportunities for collaboration were identified and are being further investigated.
International Education Sector team representative	Sri Lanka	As part of an Asia Capabilities Scholarship a member of the international education sector team, accompanied sector representatives on a visit to Sri Lanka to better understand in country opportunities.	The outcomes of the assignment were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed closer relationships with senior government representatives, industry peak bodies, aid and development agencies • Increased the profile of Victoria's educational expertise with education agents, vocational providers, NGO's government officials and other key stakeholders • Gained first hand local intelligence which will assist the Department in making informed business decisions in a country where the Victorian government currently doesn't have a dedicated presence • Developed a greater understanding of the drivers for future development of Sri Lanka and the role Victoria might play in this future • Further development of Asian capabilities.

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Knowledge Management Coordinator, Agriculture and Knowledge Management Specialist, Agriculture	USA	Capabilities required for deploying the Knowledge Curation Tool (KCT) need to be aligned with international standards relevant to public sector agencies; to agricultural research agencies and agrisector private companies like John Deere. Travel included contribution to the International Research Data Alliance (RDA) 8th Plenary meeting in Denver; KCT product showcases with Cornell University to further our collaboration on the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN); and with the University of Illinois Champagne (encompassing the John Deere Technology Innovation Centre).	Feedback received confirmed that Agriculture Victoria's approach to 'collaboration platform development' and 'collections preservation' are in line with international good practice. Relationships were established between the Australian National Data Service (ANDS), the US National Data Service and the US Big Data Hub Initiative (in the West and Mid-West of the USA). DEDJTR representatives are now members of the Agribusiness Semantics International Working Group within the network structure of the Research Data Alliance.
Lead Deputy Secretary, Agriculture & Resources	China, Indonesia & Singapore	<p>To accompany the Ministerial for Agriculture and Regional Development on an international trade mission.</p> <p>The Lead Deputy Secretary will represent the Secretary at the Regional Cities Event in Jiangsu.</p> <p>Accompany the Minister for Agriculture & Regional Development to foster relationships with key international trade partners to lead an international trade mission of food and fibre producers.</p> <p>To represent the Secretary at the Regional Cities Events in Jiangsu. Lead discussions and foster relationships for continued partnerships with key individuals in food and fibre production from China, Indonesia and Singapore.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The China component of this travel focused on exploring and opening food and fibre export opportunities, including inspection of quarantine facilities at the Shanghai wholesale market, discussions with importers on protocol change benefits and exploration of e-commerce channels and the opportunities for Victorian exporters, including in seafood. The travel also included a day in Nanjing as part of the Victoria-Jiangsu exchange and sister state meetings, which has already led to Agriculture Victoria mapping its research collaborations into China in support of the Jiangsu and now Sichuan relationships. 2. The Indonesia component focused on food export opportunities and exploration of the practices and protocols for Australian produce. Australian produce is well regarded, but further investment in cold chain logistics in Indonesia could have significant payoffs for opportunities for fresh Australian produce. 3. The principal purpose in Singapore was to meet with the AVA to learn about the Singaporean approach to domestic animal management.

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Lead Scientist Deputy Secretary, EIT Policy	Netherlands	The Lead Scientist and Deputy Secretary to attend a five-day strategy workshop on the development of entrepreneurial knowledge regions being held in Cambridge UK 2nd-6th April. A one day visit to Kennispark (Netherlands) planned following the Workshop to better understand the features of this cluster and to identify opportunities for further collaboration.	Representatives of DEDJTR participated with Monash University and six other European regions in the inaugural Cambridge Regional Innovation Council to exchange insights on the development of entrepreneurial regionals.
Manager – Resource Strategy & Industry Investment	Canada	To promote Victoria's mineral resource investment opportunities (particularly copper, gold and base metal exploration opportunities in western Victoria) to exploration and mining companies, and potential investors at the annual Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada convention.	Presentations by the Victorian Government and meetings with senior representatives of minerals exploration and development companies generated interest in these opportunities. It also generated follow up requests by companies for geoscience data and ongoing engagement to consider mineral exploration opportunities in Victoria.
Manager Investment & Trade, Food & Fibre Team	China	To support and coordinate Minister Pulford's meetings during her travels to China. The program will focus on key projects and initiatives delivered by Trade Victoria.	Met with the VGBO offices in China and accompanied the Minister in meeting with key stakeholders and importing organisations, including G-Fresh and Alibaba. Attended meetings and events with the Victoria Jiangsu Joint Economic Committee (VJJEC), to strengthen Victoria's relationship with the Jiangsu province.
Market Engagement Manager – North Asia	Japan	To support the Victorian Government leading a delegation of up to 30 companies to Foodex which is the lead activity for the Japanese market in the food and beverage sector. In 2015-16 Foodex recorded \$35,050,000 immediate sales and \$141,079,000 of Export sales 0-24 month post the trade mission. We expect similar results in 2016-17.	Immediate export sales – \$2.16 million Anticipated additional sales over a 1-12 month period – \$18.07 million Anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$15.89 million Expected total outcomes from Foodex 2017 over a 24 month period – \$36.12 million.
Market Manager – Asean, Food & Fibre Team	Indonesia, Hong Kong	To support companies attending Asia Fruit Logistical.	To support the inclusion of major Victorian Fruit Exporters in the Now in Season! Trade promotional program resulting in additional sales of temperate fruit in Key international markets.

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Market Manager – Middle East and India	Iran & UAE	To support Victorian companies and Minister Pulford in a Gulfood, Trade Mission to Iran.	Export results from Gulfood were \$4,153,000 immediate sales, \$8,635,000 expected within 1-12 months and \$18,750,000 expected 13-24 months post the trade mission. Iran visit was exploratory with 5 companies and industry representatives, identifying demand for meat and clarifying market access conditions.
National Rabbit Facilitator	USA	The visit provides a unique opportunity to continue the formal collaboration with Penn State University (PSU). With Victorian agricultural business losing an estimated \$ 610 million annually to established pest species coupled with changing government priorities, there is a pressing need for more collaborative forms of engagement and to build departmental capability. There is a greater role for industry in responding to managing widely established species, as outlined in both the Agricultural White Paper and also the Department of Agriculture discussion paper. The key learnings and subsequent reporting from the exchange will provide an opportunity to foster greater collaboration between the Victorian Government and PSU in expertise in institutional economics and political economy, and improve project reporting and legacy of the project. The expressed industry commitment to successfully document the projects methodology has been made evident through the endorsement of the travel by Meat and Livestock Australia and Australian Wool and Innovation, through the National project steering committee.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved project outcomes through documented engagement methodology via the publication of three co-authored book chapters between Penn State University (PSU) and Agriculture Victoria on human-centric approaches to invasive species management. 2. Developed ongoing collaborative arrangements for Victoria and shared learnings into the Department, which include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of a Professor from PSU, on a Departmental expert economic panel for the National Rabbit Project • Development of a journal publication and systems engagement analysis to inform the \$4.3 million investment through Agricultural White Paper Project investment on Established Species in Victoria. 3. Improved Departmental networks including Secretary for Agriculture for Pennsylvania and Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, PSU.

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Principal Research Scientist, Dairy Services	USA	To give a plenary talk at the American Dairy Science Association annual meeting. The benefits are raising the profile of DEDJTR dairy genetics research in addition to listening to state of the art dairy research happening globally. This conference is the must-attend conference for dairy cow scientists worldwide and usually attracts 1000s of delegates. The Principal Research Scientist leads dairy cow genetics research for DEDJTR through leadership of DairyBio (Animals), ImProving Herds and MIR for Profit projects.	Knowledge to improve productivity in Victoria's dairy sector through meetings with key research partners and attendance at conference. Meeting on joint feed efficiency research project with a Professor from the University of Guelph, to set research plan for coming year. Meeting with US Department of Agriculture (USDA) following presentation on USA feed efficiency breeding values. Meeting with University of Padova likely to result in a visiting student.
Principal Veterinary Officer, Aquatic Animal Health	France	Membership on 5 person international group tasked with writing the Chapter on Aquatic Biosecurity for the OIE (World Health Organisation for Animals). Benefits to the Department include the development of the participating officer's knowledge, reputational advantage for DEDJTR and ability to contribute to this international forum.	Principal Veterinary Officer, Aquatic Animal Health participated as an international expert in an ad hoc working group in a 3 day meeting in Paris to write the inaugural chapter for the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) on biosecurity in aquaculture establishments in June 2017. The travel was at the invitation of the OIE and all costs were fully met by the OIE. Involvement in writing the new chapter exposed the attendee to expertise from across the world in this key area enabling (from a Victorian and Australian perspective) international policy in this area to be influenced.
Project Manager – Plant Biosecurity	Indonesia	Purpose is to travel to Indonesia to attend the Australia-Indonesia Working Group on Agriculture, Food and Forestry Cooperation (WGAFFC) meeting from 2 –4 November 2016. WGAFFC provides an important forum for Victoria to attend as conditions will be finalised for seed potatoes to be imported to Indonesia. Securing market access for seed potatoes to Indonesia is one of Victoria's top nine market access priorities.	Victoria's and South Australia's import market access request to export seed potatoes secured. Key contact made with Indonesian quarantine officials who will clear trial consignments in early 2017. Key contact made with Victorian Government Business Office. Note and share progress of market access priorities and opportunities for Victorian industry. Understanding of retail opportunities for agricultural products in Indonesia.

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Project Manager, Reform, Agriculture & Resources	Mexico	<p>To attend the 4th OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Mexico. The World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE) is holding its fourth Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Guadalajara, Mexico from 6-8 December 2016. It is recommended that Project Manager, Animal Welfare Reform attend on behalf of Agriculture Victoria to gain an international perspective and to inform the Animal Welfare Reform project that the attendee is responsible for delivering. Animal welfare reform is a Victorian Government priority.</p> <p>The conference aims to encourage and support the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards by Member Countries, with particular attention to strategies and implementation tools. The conference will highlight the improvement of animal welfare legislation, the potential inclusion of OIE standards in the negotiation of bilateral agreements on trade covering animals and products of animal origin, and the development of strong partnerships with stakeholders.</p>	<p>Attend OIE Global animal welfare conference to learn more about global activities in regards to AW legislation and strategies.</p> <p>Gained a stronger knowledge and understanding of the importance placed globally on improving animal welfare and implementing animal welfare standards into legislation. Knowledge and relationships from conference have been of significant value to the Animal Welfare Reform project.</p>
Project Officer, ICO	Frankfurt & London	<p>First ever secondment of an ICO team member to a VGBO office – significant boost to Frankfurt's connectivity to Melbourne, investment pipeline, development and strategy.</p>	<p>The Project Officer led and executed an extensive investment strategy for the Europe and UK Offices, mapping sectoral opportunities across key markets against Victoria's priorities. Research presented by the Agent-General at the Heads of Post Annual Conference. The research will also contribute to the BP3 performance measures of the offices, with over 200 companies across the UK and Europe identified as investment leads.</p>
Regional Specialist – China, ICO	China	<p>To facilitate the VGBO to deliver the Premier's 2016 visit to China.</p>	<p>Key outcomes are the progression of initiatives under the Victoria Jiangsu Joint Economic Committee (VJEC).</p>

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Regional Specialist – China, ICO	China	To support the VGBO in delivery of the Premier and/or Minister Dalidakis' travel to China. Accompanying two Latrobe Valley business delegations to help development in Gippsland. The delegations will visit the Kunshan Expo and SIAL trade show and form part of Mr Dalidakis' visit to China and the Kunshan Expo. Approximately 5 companies in each delegation.	<p>Immediate export sales – \$3,848,000</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 1-12 month period – \$19,500,000</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$65,736,000</p> <p>Expected total outcomes from SIAL 2017 over a 24 month period – \$89,084,000.</p>
Regional Specialist – Middle East, Africa and Oceania	Iran & UAE	To support a Ministerial visit to the UAE and Executive programs in the UAE and Iran.	Met with key government and industry stakeholders, including Iranian government ministries, the Iranian Mines & Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organisation (IMIDRO), Iran Australia Chamber of Commerce, Expo 2020, the International Cricket Council and Dubai South. Identified key projects and areas of competitive advantage aligned with Victoria's priority sectors for further investigation and action, in particular DEDJTR engagement with Iran in 2017. Improved the strategic positioning and in-market awareness of key Victorian sectors and strengthened relationships with Australian Government staff across the Middle East and North Africa region.
Regional Specialist – South Asia, ICO	India	To engage key stakeholders in India to inform development of the India strategy.	The outcomes of the trip include a more robust trade and investment position for the India strategy; increased, strengthened relationships with influential Indian stakeholders (including the Confederation of Indian Industry, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, National Association of Software and Services Companies); and strategic positioning and awareness raising for several Victorian industry sectors in the Indian market (in particular education and food and fibre).

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Research Director – Microbial Sciences, Pests & Diseases	Italy, England	<p>To attend and present at the 18th International Symposium of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (WAVLD) in Sorrento, Italy. To visit the Food and Environment Research Agency FERA laboratories in York, England.</p> <p>This major international conference for veterinary laboratories is an ideal opportunity to keep abreast of the latest developments and techniques that can be applied to veterinary diagnostics. It is important that senior staff occasionally attend conferences such as this to keep up with scientific advances. The Research Director attended a previous WAVLD meeting four years ago, and was able to implement significant improvements to the testing methodologies used at AgriBio based on work showcased at the conference.</p>	<p>The meeting at FERA identified a useful methodology not currently used at AgriBio for testing bulk soil samples for the presence of pathogens. The testing protocols are being provided for evaluation and where suitable, will be introduced into the suite of tests provided by the diagnostic Crop Health Services group at AgriBio. The travel complements the Biosecurity MOU in place between AVR and the Biosecurity Branch and is part of the Department's commitment to support the national animal and plant biosecurity strategy through participation in national and international events. Learnings from the conference will be applied within the AVR diagnostic service at AgriBio.</p>
Research Leader – Microbiology	USA	<p>USDA sponsored face to face meeting of the Quads Diagnostics Tools Collaboration Project to be held in California (Sacramento). Participation to the Quadrilateral (QUADS) diagnostic working group contributes to the national agenda on biosecurity risks of pests and diseases, resulting in better policy outcomes for Victoria. The Research Leader – Microbiology represents Australia on the QUADS working group and is currently the working group chair.</p>	<p>The Quads Diagnostic Tools working group facilitates transfer of scientific knowledge on molecular testing, quality control and quality assurance of molecular diagnostic labs within the context of increasing biosecurity of agricultural resources and trade for Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA. Two presentations on the use of Next Generation Sequencing as a diagnostic tool for use at the border were presented by diagnosticians from the USA and Canada and highlighted the potential of this technology in the diagnostic lab.</p>
Research Leader Microbiology	Jamaica	<p>Attend the annual International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Technical Panel for Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP). Meet obligations aligned with membership on the IPPC TPDP. Consolidate DEDJTR's position as the leading agency in Australia in plant biosecurity and plant pathogen diagnostics.</p>	<p>The Research Leader – Microbiology represented Australia as a technical expert in Plant Virology and Microbiology at the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) meeting in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Five diagnostic protocols were approved for inclusion as IPPC protocols and represents significant progress in harmonising diagnostic tests for major plant pests and pathogens at a global level.</p>

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Research Leader, Invertebrate & Weed Sciences	Sweden	<p>Conduct research and gain technical skills in insect brain optical imaging. This research visit builds capacity and expertise in a new imaging technology for application to insect lure & kill. Optical imaging studies are required to fulfil Milestone 5 of Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre (PBCRC) project #3152 (due 15/05/17).</p> <p>Collaboration and training in insect antennal lobe imaging with a view to bringing this technology to Australia. Developing a new technology in insect lure formulation.</p>	<p>The visit focused primarily on working in a neuro-imaging lab to learn new techniques to improve attractants for trapping the Queensland fruit fly. Outcomes improved practical knowledge of imaging techniques (insect prep, staining, use of imaging technology), particularly with regards to problems involved in working with fruit flies. The visit saw considerable improvements in image quality and fly longevity, paving the way for more complex imaging work planned for 2017-18. The trip enabled the development of co-written manuscripts, two of which are due for submission for a November 2017 milestone. New experiments on fruit fly attractants (for both female and male flies) were set up and run to align with imaging work. 2017-18 research and collaborative next-phase projects were planned.</p>

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Research Leader, Molecular Phenomics	Ireland	Attend the 12th Annual Meeting of the International Metabolomics Society (Metabolomics 2016) as invited speaker and participate in editorial board meetings for the international Metabolomics journal. To enhance partner linkages and collaboration.	<p>The Research Leader, Molecular Phenomics secured a visit of an international expert, a principal investigator for the human metabolome, drug bank and food bank databases to AgriBio in coming months. The attendee was invited to represent DEDJTR on the organization committee for the next Metabolomics conference in 2017. Oral presentation was well received and feedback will be incorporated to the publication plans for this work. The attendee connected with key international experts in instrumentation companies to enhance tools for research in current projects. The most important resources developed were for lipidomics and pulse program optimization. The Metabolomics Standards Initiatives are globally recognized as important to the rigor of this still emerging omic science and it will be important to have continued input into these standards. Emerging technologies for single cell analysis were described. Real time metabolomics analysis were discussed for both surgery and for food authentication. There is significant international research focusing on food and the health effects at both a population and personalized health level.</p>

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Research Leader, Plant Pathology	USA	To attend the Fusarium Laboratory Workshop, Kansas State University, taught by the world's leading Fusarium taxonomic experts, organised every two years. To visit collaborators at the Fusarium laboratory at Kansas State University. The fungal genus <i>Fusarium</i> has been voted to contain some of the world's most important plant pathogens. They are the most common fungi isolated from specimens sent into Crop Health Services diagnostic laboratory, and the most numerous plant pathogens in the Victorian Plant Research Institute (VPRI) reference collection. However, there are also some important <i>Fusarium</i> pathogens that remain exotic to Australia. Taxonomy of this genus has undergone major revisions in recent times, and the Workshop will ensure the Research Leader, Plant Pathology is up-to-date in diagnosis and identification of this important group.	The ability to accurately identify plant pathogenic species underpins Victoria's and Australia's plant biosecurity, supporting trade and market access. This training has increased the Research Leader, Plant Pathology's ability to rapidly identify potential exotic <i>Fusarium</i> species, delivering on Project 'Improved diagnostic capability to support plant biosecurity'.
Research Manager – Dairy	Chile, Argentina and Uruguay	To present an invited keynote address on "Supplementary feeding of pasture-fed dairy cows" to delegates of Cooprinsem's Technical Meeting 2017 in Chile; and travel to Argentina and Uruguay to conduct a study tour of dairy research facilities in May 2017. One of two international invited speakers delivering content to over 400 delegates at the workshop. This invitation demonstrates the international recognition of the world class research being undertaken by Victorian dairy scientists. Argentina and Uruguay have a similar dairying environment to Victoria and the study tour offers opportunities to learn about their latest research and develop collaborative opportunities.	The objectives of the trip were achieved. Ideas from discussions with leading researchers in South America have been incorporated into new Victorian dairy research as part of Dairy21, particularly in the Heat stress and Nutrition of the first 100 days of lactation themes. New collaborations have been identified which will add significant value to Victoria through improved efficiency of production of milk leading to increased profitability of dairy farms and enhancing Victoria's economy.
Research Scientist – Taxonomy	Malaysia	To attend and present at the Tephritid fruit fly workers of Asia, Australia and Oceania (TAAO) fruit fly conference in Malaysia. This will be the first symposium of Tephritid fruit fly workers of Asia, Australia and Oceania.	The Research Scientist attended a fruit fly diagnostics workshop and presented at the TAAO conference in Malaysia. This was the first TAAO symposium, bringing together workers from across the Australasian region to discuss research / diagnostics of these pests.

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Research Scientist – Molecular Genetics	South Korea	Attend and present at the International Scientific Conference PAG Asia. PAG Asia focuses specifically on plant and animal genome research occurring within the Asia Pacific region and has a strong focus on wheat genetics and genomics research. Recent research findings from our extensive studies in wheat will be presented. The Research Scientist's attendance will allow knowledge for the latest developments in wheat genetics and genomics and bioinformatics research to be acquired to facilitate faster technology adoption and application to Victorian mandate crops, which will ultimately lead to faster delivery of superior varieties for rural producers.	Conference attendance led to refined knowledge for latest advancements in key areas of value to biosciences research such as functional genomics, whole genome sequencing, genetics and computational biology. Attendance enabled the establishment of new, as well as strengthened existing collaboration through face-to-face discussion.
Research Scientist – Molecular Genetics	USA	To attend the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS), the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA), the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS), and the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) Joint Annual Meeting, in USA from the 19th – 23rd July. Also, attend the International Society of Animal Genetics (ISAG) conference in USA from the 23rd – 27th July including a Joint ASAS/ISAG Functional Annotation of Animal Genomes (FAANG) symposium on the 23rd of July. The Research Scientist will present at both conferences, and represent DEDJTR at the FAANG symposium. Information gained and enhanced networks will provide opportunities for strategic R&D collaborations with research agencies to the benefit of Victoria's agrifood sector and specifically the dairy, beef and sheep industries. Collaborations which lever DEDJTR research (e.g. 1000 bull genomes project) can be expected at the symposium as well as the conference. Benefit to the industry: Livestock industry representatives (such as CEOs) of breeding companies will be presenting at these conferences, sharing their experience with key Victorian livestock industry partners could accelerate adoption of new genetic technologies.	The Research Scientist attended both the FAANG symposium and the ISAG conference. Many speakers presented material directly relevant to projects undertaken within the Agriculture Victoria Research Division. Such information will inform interpretation of Dairy Futures Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) projects and inform development of Dairy Bio and Sheep CRC projects. Work undertaken as part of Dairy Futures CRC projects was presented by the Research Scientist and received well by the audience. During the course of the conference the Research Scientist held discussions on the material presented with researchers from the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), Iowa State Uni, CSIRO, Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology (FBN), and AgResearch. The Research Scientist discussed current and potential collaborative projects with researchers from INRA and AgResearch.

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Research Scientist – Horticulture	Italy	To present two papers describing the aims, methods and results of crop load management in apples at the International Horticulture Symposium on Flowering, Fruit Setting and Biennial Bearing. To meet and discuss the latest results and future plans with the international partners of the Biennial Bearing in Apple project. The international level of the conference ensured the acquisition of further knowledge in the latest developments in the field of fruit tree responses to crop load management; network with researchers for collaboration opportunities; meet with Professors at the University of Palermo to finalise and coordinate collaborative research to be performed in Australia by hosting a PhD student in the stonefruit field laboratory in Tatura.	Improved knowledge, skills and capability of its scientific staff. Victoria will benefit through growing its competitive advantage in pome and stone fruit production for exports. Hosting world class scientists from overseas to conduct new research in Australia will assist in Victoria's advantage. The possibility to host a Professor from the University of Bari, Italy, for a sabbatical in the growing season 2018-19 was discussed. The Victorian pome and stone fruit industries will benefit through the dissemination of new knowledge gained during the conference on management systems to improve fruit set and year-to-year consistency in yield.
Research Scientist – Plant Physiology	Italy/Spain	Present a paper and exchange science at the XI International Symposium on Integrating Canopy, Rootstock and Environmental Physiology in Orchard Systems, and discuss collaboration on existing and new projects on stone fruit quality related to whole of market chain R&D. This trip will deliver benefits in terms of our access to prototypes and pre-production versions of machines that measure fruit maturity and ripeness. This is an intractable problem for horticulturalists as the risks rise exponentially every day near-ripe fruit is left on the tree. The Research Scientist – Plant Physiology will also contribute to a global network looking at aspects of fruit flavour development, and this will significantly advantage our growers.	Presented a paper to share current work in orchard systems. Strengthened relationships to enhance international collaboration and discussed the possibility of a student exchange. Several concepts of project development and collaboration between DEDJTR and with IRTA were discussed. This trip allowed for the collection of scientific knowledge and know-how; and provided access to unique equipment and prototypes. Information from the Symposium will be delivered to the Horticulture Centre of Excellence and through the Horticulture Innovation Fund.

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Research Scientist – Plant Vector Borne Diseases	Spain	To attend and present during the 3rd Hemipteran-Plant-Interactions Symposium in Madrid, Spain, and to visit collaborators from Instituto de Ciencias Agrarias, Madrid to discuss current and future projects. Australia is a major wheat producing country. Expanding the research to further understand the impact of insect pests on wheat under future changing environment is critical to increase or protect our state productivity. The research of the Research Scientist – Plant Vector Borne Diseases focuses on biotic and abiotic factors that are expected to change in the future and might potentially threaten our State wheat production. This proposed travel will communicate our concerns and engage scientific discussion, it will bring new technology and ideas that can be further developed in Victoria to better understand the impact of elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide on wheat and its pests and diseases.	Presented DEDJTR's unique research on the effects of climate change and interactions between insect vectors, plants and plant diseases entitled "Elevated CO2 impacts aphid and plant physiology, virus incidence and interactions between them". Discussed a range of issues related to food crops and biosecurity currently present in the USA and Europe and potential threats to the Australian agriculture. Selected to organise and host next International Hemipteran-Plant Interaction Symposium in Melbourne in 2020.
Research Scientist – Plant Vector Borne Diseases	USA	Attend and present at the International Congress of Entomology, the largest and the most important entomological event, organised every four years. To visit collaborators at universities in Idaho and Michigan, give oral presentation, talk to faculties and students. Australia is a major wheat producing country. Expanding the research to further understand the impact of insect pests on wheat under a future changing environment is critical to increase or protect our state productivity. The research of the Research Scientist – Plant Vector Borne Diseases focuses on biotic and abiotic factors that are expected to change in the future and might potentially threaten our State wheat production. This proposed travel will communicate our concerns and engage scientific discussion, it will bring new technology and ideas that can be further developed in Victoria to better understand the impact of elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide on wheat and its pests and diseases.	Engaged with scientist and shared the acquired knowledge with DEDJTR staff. Delivered oral presentations on DEDJTR-led research regarding the effects of climate change on insect pests, plant viruses of wheat and its production, as well as on the future of food security in Australia. Met with collaborators, faculty members and PhD students from Michigan State University, discussed projects, worked on a joint manuscript which was recently published in the Virus Research. Delivered an invited oral presentation on DEDJTR-led research at Michigan State University. Discussed usage and design of solar powered insect suction trap, led to development of DEDJTR capability and first functioning solar powered suction trap in Australia.

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Secretary	Japan	Assist the Premier to advance Victoria's interests in trade, transport, resources and carbon policy with Japan.	Meetings held with senior government representatives and industry leaders to discuss opportunities regarding Victorian resources, technology, the arts, trade, and investment.
Secretary	India and Iran	<p>Explore new opportunities in the Iranian market and pursue innovation opportunities in India to assist Victoria's trade and investments objectives in these important markets.</p> <p>Opportunity to become familiar with the market and gather input on relevant sector and regional opportunities to inform Victoria's new whole-of-government India strategy.</p>	<p>Explored new trade opportunities in the Iranian market, held meetings with senior government representatives.</p> <p>Held meetings with industry leaders in e-commerce and senior government officials, discussed opportunities in Victoria regarding innovation, trade, investment, and tourism.</p>
Secretary	USA	Support the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade in promoting Victoria as a global technology and start up hub.	Meetings held with industry leaders in the innovation and technology sector. Developed a deeper understanding of technological innovation and potential opportunities for Victoria. Promoted Victoria's interests and explored opportunities to attract new or expand business operations to the state.
Senior Adviser, Office of the Head Transport for Victoria	China	To accompany the Minister for Roads, Road Safety and Ports, the Hon. Luke Donnellan, during a visit to China to provide specialist support.	Meetings with key Chinese government officials and industry representatives
Senior Geoscientist, The CarbonNet Project	Switzerland & UK	In November 2016, the Geoscience Advisor CarbonNet, travelled to Europe to attend and present at an international conference on Greenhouse Gas Technologies (GHGT13) in Switzerland and for technical meetings in the UK.	<p>The Biennial GHGT Conference series is the pre-eminent global forum for discussion of greenhouse gas control technologies and included networking with leading figures from global Carbon, Capture and Storage (CCS) projects and exchange of information on CCS R&D. The Senior Geoscientist, The CarbonNet Project met with experts in Carbon Storage – relevant to the CarbonNet Project.</p> <p>In the UK, A key meeting was held with Badleys – a world expert on fault seal and leakage – a crucial aspect of CarbonNet Project storage risk assessment.</p>

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Senior Investment Manager, Airlines	China	Attract new direct services to Melbourne from a number of Chinese cities.	Discussions were held with a number of Chinese airlines to secure new services for Melbourne and update them on demand for Melbourne. Discussions are continuing with these airlines.
Senior Investment Manager, Airlines	Japan	Attend Asia Routes Development Forum in partnership with Melbourne Airport to attract new direct services to Melbourne and meet with Japan Airlines (JAL).	Meetings were held with numerous airlines at the Asia Routes Development Forum to position Melbourne for future increases in aviation capacity.
Senior Investment Manager, Medtech/Pharma	USA, San Diego and Boston	To lead a major mission of Victorian companies to attend BIO in 2017 to identify strategic international investment and partnering targets for participants. Will also implement a program of high level investment meetings.	Outcomes included; identification of new investment and potential partnership/joint ventures/strategic alliance opportunities; building of high-level relationships between the Victorian Government and key investors, companies, peak bodies and other governments; raised awareness internationally of the competitive advantages of Victoria's medical technologies and pharmaceuticals sector; showcasing of Victoria's technology and research strengths on the Australian pavilion; and demonstration of the Victorian Government's ongoing support for the medical technologies and pharmaceuticals sector.
Senior Investor Relationship Manager, Skilled and Business Migration	China	To support Latrobe Valley Manufacturing and Engineering Service Mission (9 delegates from 5 companies) for business visits in Shanghai, and exhibiting at Kunshan Expo. Partially supported the Shanghai program of Minister Dalidakis.	Expected total outcomes from SIAL 2017 over a 24 month period – \$89,084,000. Potential Chinese clients met during the mission, made return visit to Latrobe Valley for future business opportunities. Referred a Significant Investor Visa (SIV) client to one of the mission members to explore potential training program for power operators under the SIV client.
Senior Manager, Creative Victoria	Canada	The Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) secured the first C2 conference outside Montreal. C2 Melbourne will take place in November 2017. In order to most effectively deliver the event it was beneficial to have a Creative Victoria representative at the Montreal event.	C2 event was secured for Melbourne in November/December 2017, the first time this event has been held outside of Canada.

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Senior Manager Trade and Investment	Japan	To support companies on an aged care mission to Japan.	Key aged care industry players participated in the VIP program in Melbourne in March 2017. They included Japan's No Lift Association, Kansai Medical University and Nankai Travel. Trade Victoria will pursue opportunities for Victorian companies to participate in Medical Japan 2018 which will have a strong aged care focus.
Senior Manager Trade and Investment	Japan & Korea	To lead a Victorian delegation of up to 10 companies in the medical research institutes, universities and industry to meet with the Japan Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine (FIRM) and industry partners to identify opportunities for regenerative medicine collaboration. The group will also visit Korea to continue discussions with the MOH Korea and key research agencies to identify opportunities for collaboration in medical research, in particular regenerative medicine and genomics.	Met with FIRM, resulting in two Victorian companies presenting at BIO Japan in October 2018. A delegation from the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) including president of AMED to visit Melbourne in October 2017 to progress international collaborative activities. Trade Vic will pursue opportunities for Victorian companies to present at BIO Korea in 2018.
Senior Manager Trade and Investment	Singapore	To lead and support a delegation of Victorian Health Infrastructure companies at the Singapore Ministry of Health (MOH) Holdings International HI TECH 2017 Conference. The potential benefits of collaboration with Singapore include an MOU between the Victorian Government and MOHH, and facilitating access for Victorian healthcare infrastructure organisations to commercial opportunities in health infrastructure in Singapore and the region.	Facilitated the signing of the MOU. Made key contacts with MOHH Singapore to progress the MOU with Victorian companies for future healthcare infrastructure in Singapore.
Senior Market Development Adviser	Iran, UAE and Saudi Arabia	To attend the Austrades Australia Unlimited Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2017 Innovation in Healthcare Research trade mission.	The visit has resulted in strengthening of in-market networks, a deepened understanding of opportunities and challenges (particularly with regards to Iran which is an emerging market for Victoria. A number of trade opportunities in the health areas were identified and were communicated to relevant trade colleagues.

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Senior Officer – NLIS	UK & Netherlands	Australian Livestock Saleyards Association (ALSA) salesyard tour – This tour is an important opportunity to learn from systems working overseas that will support the change process in Victoria as we roll out sheep Electronic Identification (EID) across the supply chain.	Observing the real consequences and long-term impact of Foot and Mouth Disease and a poor traceability system in the UK and Europe has given a unique understanding of the risks facing the Victorian livestock industry. The insights gained into Sheep EID implementation in the UK and the Netherlands has assisted communication into how the Victorian Government's transition package for National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) (Sheep & Goats) will mitigate risks and deal with similar biosecurity challenges. Learnings and insights have been presented and shared with the sheep EID team to help and support their projects and objectives in rolling out EID in Victoria. Any negative feedback from stakeholders conveyed at field days, phone calls, trials, meetings and during consultation sessions have been countered with examples of European impacts.
Senior Policy Analyst, Agriculture	Canada	The Senior Policy Analyst was invited to speak and engage in a panel discussion on Climate Smart Agriculture at the International Association of Impact Assessment Annual Conference for 2017 in Canada. The benefit to DEDJTR, include contacts with the latest innovative theory in dealing with climate issues for agriculture as outlined in the Agriculture Strategy. There will also be an opportunity to showcase the department's approach to dealing with the sustainable intensification of agriculture in a carbon constrained economy. There are significant opportunities to forge ongoing links with impact and risk assessment knowledge and policy experts.	Strategic insight into new ways of developing policy options using outcomes-focused and risk-based methodologies for application to projects, such as reforming the intensive animal code of practice. Other benefits include the opportunity to gain a broader perspective on some of the latest innovations in public policy approaches from predominantly Western European and Canadian policy, programs and development projects. Areas where Agriculture Victoria activities could benefit from the information gained at the conference include planning for resilience when confronted with an unpredictable magnitude of consequence, and risk-informed decision analysis. Further opportunities were identified to build more participatory community engagement approaches, and better tools to analyse and present quantitative impacts and risk and vulnerability assessment approaches.

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Senior Project Manager, Creative Victoria	USA	To represent DEDJTR at events/ meetings To support the Victorian delegation at 2017 Game Developers Conference (GDC) in San Francisco and at 2017 PAX East (Boston)	Supported the delegation at GDC and then travelled to Boston with 11 companies to exhibit at PAX East in Boston from 10-12 March. This was the first time the Victorian Government supported a mission to PAX East. PAX East has been identified as a market of interest for the Victorian games industry. Victoria's space was also dedicated to reception, retail and promoting Melbourne International Games Week. During the 3 day event, \$300,000 business was recorded. A Victorian networking event was held and it attracted 113 attendees.
Senior Research Scientist, Agriculture	France	Attend and present work at the 3rd International conference on "Nitrogen nutrition of plants: Nitrogen 2016", 22-26 August 2016, Montpellier, France. Gain an improved understanding of latest research and developments in this field, and network and establish links with international scientists. This will be of direct benefit to DEDJTR's ongoing research project on improving nitrogen use efficiency in wheat.	Presented work and established links with international scientists to benefit projects in collaboration with Dow AgroSciences projects.
Senior Research Scientist, Dairy Services	Ireland	Attend the World Buiatrics Conference 2016 as invited keynote speaker. Outcomes of conference discussions will assist farmers to gain more information from milk samples to predict new phenotypes e.g. disease risk.	The Senior Research Scientist delivered a keynote presentation at the World Buiatrics Conference 2016. Obtained prediction equations for high value dairy cow phenotypes that will be applied and tested in Australia as part of collaborative research with the UK partner research organisation. Access was provided to a new software package used by genetic evaluation units worldwide.
Senior Research Scientist, Agriculture	Portugal	Attend the 2nd international Legume Society Conference and 4th International Ascochyta Workshop as invited speaker. Professional development, establish international linkages, update on latest pulse research.	Presented work to, and established collaborations with International partners to benefit Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) projects.

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Senior Research Scientist, Agriculture	USA	Travel to the southern USA to undertake field-based collections of insect species currently under investigation for their potential as biological control agents for the aquatic weed, sagittaria (<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>). The objective is to source insect colonies that are climatically-suited to northern Victorian conditions as well as from genotypes of sagittaria that are causing the greatest concerns in Australia.	Undertook field-based collections of three insect species currently under investigation as biocontrol agents against a serious aquatic weed, delta arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>) threatening Victoria's irrigated agricultural industries. Conducted intensive plant health assessments to quantify herbivory on delta arrowhead and closely-related species as well as taking plant and insect samples for genetic analysis to determine the ecological host range of candidate biological control agents. These activities will allow us to complete milestones for two projects; one federally funded, the other industry-funded, to implement biological controls for delta arrowhead. A presentation about the travel achievements was delivered to Invertebrate & Weed Sciences staff on 14 October 2016.
Senior Research Scientist – Genetics and Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme	Chile	Attend the 40th Biennial Congress of the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR). Attendance at the ICAR meeting is part of the Service Level Agreement with ADHIS and supports development and continuous service delivery by the ADHIS project.	Fulfilled Service Level Agreement with DataGene to attend Interbull and ICAR meetings and present DEDJTR research on Heat Tolerance. Users of the MiX99 software for genetic analysis of dairy cattle are very positive about it and a trial license has been agreed with the developers at the university of Helsinki. A protocol was agreed with South African colleagues for the provision of genomic data on Australian bulls to facilitate export of their semen.
Senior Research Scientist – Horticulture	China	To manage and conduct fruit quality measurements of stone fruit (nectarine) cultivars immediately prior to consumer evaluation in China. The findings will be documented in a report for the Victorian stone fruit industry which will identify market opportunities for Victorian stone fruit producers. Collection of market information. Supply of suitable fruit to China could double exports from Victoria in 5 years. This trip will deliver benefits in terms of our global reputation as exporters of high quality fruits.	The Senior Research Scientist-Horticulture travelled to China in March 2017 to scientifically assess fruit quality and manage and conduct consumer preference studies on Victorian stone fruit in Beijing, Chongqing and Shanghai. Knowledge gained will aid research and development programs on fruit quality and enable Victorian growers and exporters to take full advantage of recent market access for Australian nectarines.

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Senior Research Scientist – Horticulture	Thailand	Travel is required to manage and conduct fruit quality measurements immediately prior to consumer preference testing in Bangkok to meet objectives of the “Market and Consumer Insights to Drive Food Value Chain Innovation and Growth” project. This travel will help fruit growers to better target Asian markets. The knowledge gained will directly benefit and inform the Department’s research programs and increase research capability to assist Asian market development.	The Senior Research Scientist – Horticulture travelled to Bangkok, Thailand from 23-29 July 2016 to take fruit quality measurements of new blush pear cultivars immediately prior to consumer evaluation. Consumer preferences for size, colour, flavour and texture were identified as well as purchase behaviour and price points. The findings will be presented at industry forums and documented in a report for the Victorian pear industry that will identify market opportunities for Victorian pear producers.
Senior Research Scientist – Horticulture	USA	Attend and contribute to the Almond Conference, California 6-8 Dec 2016. Establishment of collaborative research linkages with UC almond researchers, and with the Almond Board of California. This trip will deliver benefits in terms of our knowledge of approaches to almond production in low rainfall, irrigated environments. This will be particularly relevant to new experimental orchard being developed in Sunraysia.	Met key University of California almond researchers, participated in researchers’ forum discussing research priorities, & gained a strong overview of the state of production science used by the Californian almond industry; knowledge gained at the conference has been utilised in current projects & contact made may be the basis for trans-Pacific collaborative projects.
Senior Research Scientist – Soil Science	Denmark	Senior DEDJTR Research Scientist has been invited to present at the International Nitrogen Conference (Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Management) to be held at Aarhus University, Denmark (26-29 June). This international conference will provide a key opportunity to share recent findings on the science of nitrogen in agriculture and the environment.	The Senior Research Scientist – Soil Science travelled to Denmark between 23 June and 4 July 2017 to attend an international conference on ‘Innovative solutions for sustainable management of nitrogen’. The Senior Research Scientist – Soil Science participated in the International ‘Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen’ meeting and furthering international project commitments on nutrient and manure management. Engagement with international scientists improved Agriculture Victoria Research’s capability and research on nutrient management for intensive agricultural industries. Nutrient management is important in supporting agricultural intensification and improving resource use efficiency and environmental outcomes.

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Senior Scientist Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme	Slovenia	Attend Interbull Technical Workshop in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 6 and 7 February 2017. The Senior Scientist is a member of the ADHIS project team and has the strongest technical knowledge in this area and will be heavily involved in the Australian implementation of developments discussed at the workshop. This will also be an opportunity to meet overseas colleagues for the first time and strengthen network.	<p>The Senior Scientist Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme attended the Interbull Technical Workshop in Slovenia.</p> <p>Interbull is an international organisation with 32 member countries who exchange dairy bull breeding values with the aim of enabling fair comparison and trade of bulls among countries.</p> <p>The workshop discussed the effect of new statistical methods used in member countries on the future services provided by Interbull. Issues relate to selective genotyping and countries moving to combined conventional-genomic evaluations ('single-step'). DEDJTR contributed with a proposal to exchange marker effects rather than breeding values.</p> <p>The workshop concluded with identifying various approaches which will be further developed by Interbull and reported back at their August meeting.</p>
Senior Social Researcher, Agriculture	Canada	<p>Resumption of duty is sought to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society from 7 to 10 August 2016 and the XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology in Toronto, Canada from 10 to 14 August 2016 during privately funded travel to Canada.</p> <p>Development and maintenance of international research linkages, attendance at biennial meeting of international professional body, presentation of conference paper.</p>	<p>Presented a paper on the wellbeing of Victorian farmers, based on analysis of the 2014 Regional Wellbeing Survey.</p> <p>Attended biennial meeting of the Council of the International Rural Sociology Association.</p> <p>Established and renewed working relationships with staff from University of Gloucester, England, James Hutton Institute, Scotland, University of Sheffield, England, National University of Ireland, University of Sydney, Charles Sturt University and James Cook University.</p>
Senior Trade Manager, Food & Fibre Team	Indonesia	Support a delegation of 30 Victorian companies to Food and Hotel Indonesia, a key platform to drive food and beverage products to this growing market. In 2015-16 Food and Hotel Asia recorded \$104,300 immediate sales and \$9,674,250 of Export sales 0-24 month post the trade mission. We expect similar results in 2016-17.	<p>Immediate export sales – \$800,000</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 1-12 month period – \$1.65 million</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$2.96 million</p> <p>Expected total outcomes from SIAL 2017 over a 24 month period – \$5.41 million</p>

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Senior Trade Manager, ICT / Technology	London	<p>To provide a platform of introduction that leads to export outcomes in across FinTech, medtech, edtech and sports tech.</p> <p>300 plus events occurring in London – a tailored program International business matching program for Victorian companies</p>	<p>To support a delegation of 27 Victorian technology companies (40 delegates) to London Tech Week including companies representing general tech, fintech, medtech, edtech and sports tech. A tailored program has been designed for each company in collaboration with the London VGBO, JMB Partnership, UK Department of Investment and Trade, Australia-UK Chamber of Commerce and Austrade.</p>
Senior Trade Manager, ICT / Technology	Israel	<p>To support companies and Minister Dalidakis to deliver the data and cyber security trade mission to Israel. This mission was organised and facilitated in partnership with the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC).</p>	<p>27 Delegates from 25 organisation participated.</p> <p>Partnering with AICC – Victoria is first ever Australian state to lead a data in Cyber Security trade mission to Israel.</p> <p>Signing a MOU between Victoria's Swinburne University of Technology and Tel Aviv University to establish a joint research centre on data science.</p>
Senior Trade Manager, International Education	China	<p>To support up to 10 Victorian companies to reinforce and build upon Australia's, and in particular Victoria's, growing international reputation in aged care training. Victorian Government leading a delegation as part of the Austrade Australian Masterclass aged care training capability roadshow. The program will build on existing relationships in Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu with potential for Joint Ventures (JV's).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Roadshow fostered collaboration and innovation by bringing education institutes and Chinese industry representatives together to jointly target major projects and export opportunities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The site visit to Aveo China has resulted in an approach being made by the General Manager, Strategic Engagement to Victorian institutes for the training of Aveo's staff in China. b) It is proposed to invite a Member of the Aged Care Expert Committee, Department of Civil Affairs to visit Melbourne as part of the Victorian Government's 2018 VIP program. During the Roadshow, the Member chaired an interactive and insightful dialogue on Australia-China aged care training collaboration. It is envisaged that the visit to Melbourne could further explore and progress some of these opportunities.

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Senior Veterinary Officer – Sheep	UK	Travel to Harrogate, UK to attend and present at the 9th International Sheep Veterinary Congress (ISVC). The Senior Veterinary Officer – Small Ruminants provides technical expertise to the department and the community, especially with regard to sheep disease and production. Attendance at the ISVC ensures the Senior Veterinary Officer is abreast of international developments in sheep medicine and production, and enhances Agriculture Victoria's position as a leader in the field (he has been invited to present four papers at the conference).	The Senior Veterinary Officer – Small Ruminants presented four papers and a bid by the Australian Sheep Veterinarians Association to host the 10th International Sheep Veterinary Congress in Melbourne in 2021. The Congress provided the department member with the opportunity to present new research findings and to compare and contrast sheep production practices and their impact on the biosecurity of sheep disease. The enhanced knowledge will allow continued provision of expert advice on sheep disease matters for DEDJTR, sheep farmers and the wider sheep industry stakeholders.
Senior Veterinary Pathologist	Thailand	The Senior Veterinary Pathologist has been asked to train Thai pathologists in remote histopathology visualization systems in their central lab in Bangkok. The Commonwealth of Australia through CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) and Thailand have a joint project sponsored by Organisation International Epizooties (OIE) to improve veterinary diagnostic capabilities in Thailand by 'twinning' with Australian laboratories. This is designed to increase trade compatibility between the two countries. This will also give the Senior Veterinary Pathologist direct experience of diseases such as Foot and Mouth, Avian Influenza and Porcine epidemic diarrhea which are not present in Australia.	Scoped and initiated at the Thai national veterinary laboratory the technology of remote live microscopy for sharing of disease histopathology case material between Australia and Thailand. This allows remote training of Thai laboratory veterinarians and when completed will allow DEDJTR pathologists to remotely gain experience in recognition of exotic livestock diseases.
Technical Project Manager, The CarbonNet Project	Switzerland & Norway	To travel to Norway to visit Technology Centre Mongstad, and Switzerland to attend and present at an international conference on Greenhouse Gas Technologies (GHGT13).	The Biennial GHGT Conference series is the pre-eminent global forum for discussion of greenhouse gas control technologies and included networking with leading figures from global CCS projects and exchange of information on CCS R&D. The Technical Project Manager, The CarbonNet Project met with experts in Carbon Capture – relevant to the CarbonNet Project. Technology Centre Mongstad is the principal centre in Europe for research into Carbon Capture.

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Trade Officer, Trade	USA	To support companies participate in Cyber security / Defence roadshow and AUSA Exhibition – Trade Mission Program	<p>\$20 m in expected exports.</p> <p>MOU signed between state of Victoria and State of Virginia – signed by Premier.</p> <p>Inbound delegation for International Airshow as direct response from the trip.</p> <p>Expected another inbound mission in 2017 for Pacific Delegation for Defence Trade show.</p>
Trade Specialist, Food & Fibre Team	China	To support a delegation of 30 Victorian companies at SIAL, one of China's largest food and beverage exhibitions and a key platform for the promotion for Victorian food and beverage exports into China. In 2015-16, SIAL recorded \$631,000 immediate sales and \$18,621,000 of Export sales 0-24 month post the trade mission. We expect similar results in 2016-17.	<p>Immediate export sales – \$3,848,000</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 1-12 month period – \$19,500,000</p> <p>Anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$65,736,000</p> <p>Expected total outcomes from SIAL 2017 over a 24 month period – \$89,084,000.</p>
Trade Specialist, Food & Fibre Team	Indonesia, (multiple markets in Asia)	Now! In Season implementation	<p>To support the inclusion of major Victorian Fruit Exporters in the Now in Season! Trade promotional program resulting in additional sales of temperate fruit in Key international markets.</p> <p>Successfully promoted the attributes of Victorian/Australian Fruit in peak seasons in Key international markets driving increased demand and exports from Victoria.</p>
Trade Specialist, Food & Fibre Team	Indonesia, Vietnam and Philippines	To support the South East Asia dairy scholarships program.	Successfully attracting South East Asian Dairy manufacturers to participate in a Victorian led dairy capability program positioning Victoria as a preferred supplier of premium Australian Dairy products.
Trade Specialist, ICT / Technology	Malaysia & Singapore	To support a delegation of 40 Victorian digital technology companies to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore including managing a Victorian Government pavilion at CommunicAsia, the largest technology trade show in the region. In 2016, 41 companies participated in the Digital Technology Trade Mission to Singapore represented by over 80 individuals with anticipated sales of around \$18.6 million over the next 24 months.	Anticipated additional sales over a 13-24 month period – \$65,736,000

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Transaction Director, Rail Systems, MMRA	Denmark, Spain, United Kingdom	Investigation of reference projects nominated by shortlisted proponents for the Rail Systems Package.	Informed the evaluation of shortlisted proponents for the Rail Systems package culminating in the recommendation of the preferred proponent in July 2017.

8. Details of promotional, public relations and marketing activities undertaken by the department to develop community awareness of the department and its services

Major promotional, public relations or marketing activity	Purpose	Total cost
<i>Victoria. A State of Momentum</i> Trade and Investment Victoria marketing campaign	<p>The <i>Victoria. A State of Momentum</i> Trade and Investment Victoria marketing campaign built awareness of Victoria's strengths in investment and trade. The campaign promoted the competitive advantages for businesses to invest and operate in Victoria including access to high-quality talent, lower industrial and commercial property costs and Victoria's excellent infrastructure.</p> <p>The campaign built awareness of how Trade and Investment Victoria can assist businesses to invest, build exports and expand in Victoria.</p>	\$1.53 million

9. Details of assessments and measures undertaken to improve the occupational health and safety of employees

Information relating to assessments and measures undertaken to improve the occupational health and safety of employees is covered in the department's 2016-17 Annual Report.

10. General statement on industrial relations within the department and details of time lost through industrial accidents and disputes

Information relating to industrial accidents is covered in the department's 2016-17 Annual Report.

11. Major committees sponsored by the department, the purpose of each committee and the extent to which the purposes have been achieved

Major committee	Purpose	Extent of purpose achieved
The department's leadership team, Executive Board	The Executive Board is the department's senior executive decision-making body and forum for collective decision-making and provision of advice to the Secretary. It assists the Secretary with strategic leadership of the organisation, its agencies and the department's portfolio as a whole, including vision, purpose, strategic direction and objectives.	The Executive Board has met at least fortnightly throughout 2016-17.
Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)	<p>Provide independent assurance to the Secretary on the department's financial and performance reporting, risk oversight and management, internal control systems, and compliance with relevant laws and policies.</p> <p>Standing Directions 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of the Minister for Finance under section 8 of the <i>Financial Management Act 1994</i> require the department to appoint an audit committee and to maintain an internal audit function as part of its governance arrangements.</p>	<p>The ARC had four members for most of the year, three independent and one internal. They met six times during 2016-17.</p> <p>The ARC Chair met with the Secretary after each meeting to discuss significant matters that were related to ARC's purpose.</p> <p>During the year the ARC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the department's internal audit plan for 2016-17 • reviewed internal audit reports and the status of management actions to address findings in the internal audit reports • regularly reviewed changes to the department's risk profile and risk treatment plans • reviewed and endorsed the department's updated Internal Audit and ARC Charters • liaised with the Victorian Auditor General's Office including on financial-audit matters • endorsed the department's financial statements prior to sign-off by the Secretary and the Chief Finance Officer • endorsed the department's attestation of compliance with the Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance • endorsed the department's annual risk and insurance management attestation prior to sign-off by the Secretary

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Executive Development and Remuneration Committee (EDRC)	The Secretary, as the employer under section 20 of the <i>Public Administration Act 2004</i> , convenes with members of his leadership team as appropriate, to manage executive remuneration and development.	The Secretary and members of the leadership team have considered a range of issues as they have arisen, including the need to develop and/or recruit to new executive roles.
Policy and Strategy Coordination Committee (PSCC)	Responsible for ensuring the effective development and coordination of Department-wide strategy and policy initiatives where cross-portfolio integration is required. The Committee provides a forum for discussion and testing of different perspectives on policy issues against a robust evidence base. The Committee ensures links between the department's Strategic Plan and Outcomes Framework and the policies and strategies that the Department develops.	The committee's purpose was achieved. It convened 18 times during 2016-17 providing advice on cross- portfolio, department-wide strategies and policy initiatives at key stages of development.
Procurement Governance Committee (PGC)	Supports the Chief Procurement Officer to monitor high-risk procurement activities of \$3.5 million or greater for the department, as well as monitoring key financial contracts and performance objectives in line with department's key priorities.	The committee reviewed all procurement proposals over \$3.5 million for 2016-17. The committee met every fortnight.
Safety Consultative Committee (SCC)	The Departmental Safety Consultative Committee facilitates and promotes consultation amongst a representative group of its staff and management across the entire department that considers issues relating to the safety and wellbeing of its people, including the drafting of the department's Safety and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 and the Policy. The SCC monitors the effectiveness of the department's safety and wellbeing management systems and makes recommendations to the Executive Board of any trends or prevention strategies that may be required. The SCC fulfils the requirement to provide safety and wellbeing consultation as required under the Victorian OHS legislation.	The SCC met quarterly during 2016-17. The SCC reviewed and endorsed the Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Strategic Plan prior to it being presented to the Executive Board for endorsement. The purpose to promote consultation and make recommendations to the Executive Board was fulfilled.

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Emergency Coordination Committee (ECC)	Responsible for oversight of coordination and implementation of the emergency management capabilities for the department and its agencies, including a focus on prevention/ mitigation of major external risks, preparedness for and responding to major emergencies and significant disruptive incidents and guiding recovery arrangements.	<p>The ECC's priorities in 2016-17 have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victorian Preparedness Goal and emergency management capabilities including the development of the <i>DEDJTR Exercise Framework</i> to guide the development of emergency management exercises across department's and portfolio agencies. • Implementation and exercising of business continuity management policy and plans. • Development of protocols for coordination of emergency communications and information sharing across portfolios. • State Crisis and Resilience Council priorities, where they are aligned with department's outcomes framework.
Budget and Financial Management Committee (BFMC)	The BFMC of the Executive Board leads the portfolio in driving improved financial sustainability and ensuring the effective oversight and allocation of financial resources in alignment with the department's objectives. The BFMC will also provide the function of reviewing major internal investment proposals in alignment with department's strategic plan.	Successfully oversaw the portfolio's financial management for 2016-17 ensuring the portfolio delivered within its approved financial envelope.

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Information Management and Technology Governance Committee (IMTGC)	Responsible for providing leadership and governance for the department's information and communications technology functions and priorities, mitigating the risk associated with information security for the department and their alignment with business objectives. The IMTGC is also responsible for the governance and strategic oversight of departmental and portfolio agency information management and Information Technology systems, with a focus on architecture decisions and information and technology governance.	<p>The committee achieved its governance purpose through quarterly review of the following cross- department areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress against Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Strategy, CT Projects and Operational Performance • ICT expenditure • ICT security, audit & risk <p>Strategic oversight of departmental and portfolio agency information management and IT systems was achieved through monthly presentations from the department's business areas who reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT investment priorities, successes and lessons. • 12 month forward plan • Priorities and alignment to ICT Strategy • Financials • Risk
Transport and Infrastructure Policy, Planning and Delivery Committee	The Transport and Infrastructure Policy, Planning and Delivery (TIPPD) Committee of the Executive Board is tasked with overseeing effective governance of the transport portfolio and key infrastructure investment, through clearly defining the strategic directions that will enable economic development and jobs creation, and ensuring integrated network planning and close coordination across the transport system areas serviced by DEDJTR.	The Committee met once during the reporting period.
Building Industry Consultative Council (BICC)	Tripartite forum for discussing issues affecting the Victorian building and construction industry. Responsible for supervising the operations of the Victorian Building Industry Disputes Panel (VBIDP).	Purpose achieved – the BICC met four times in 2016–17, considered a range of building and construction issues and provided feedback to the Victorian Government. It also continued to supervise the activities of the VBIDP.
Equal Workplaces Advisory Council (EWAC)	A key founding reform of the <i>Victorian Gender Equality Strategy (VGES)</i> , the EWAC is charged with identifying government action that will promote the achievement of gender equality, including gendered occupational segregation, in Victorian workplaces.	Purpose achieved during 2016-17.

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Forestry Industry Council (FIC)	Established under the Victorian <i>Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act 2005</i> to advise and make recommendations to the Minister for Industrial Relations on model rates and cost schedules, model contracts, codes of practice and information materials for forestry contractors.	Purpose achieved – during 2016–17, the FIC appointed a new Chair in August 2016; updated model rates and costs schedules; and following a facilitated workshop in May 2017, the structure and proposed content of a new Victorian Forestry Contractors Information Booklet was ascertained.
Transport Industry Council (TIC)	Established under the Victorian <i>Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act 2005</i> to advise and make recommendations to the Minister for Industrial Relations on model rates and cost schedules, model contracts, codes of practice and information materials for owners drivers in the road transport industry.	Purpose achieved – during 2016–17, the TIC: published updated model rates and cost schedules for seven classes of vehicles and published the revised model contract and the model instruments to appoint a negotiating agent.
Victorian Automotive Transition Taskforce	To oversee implementation of <i>Towards Future Industries: Victoria's Automotive Transition Plan</i> and provide advice on emerging issues facing the automotive industry, businesses and workers	The taskforce has ensured the coordinated delivery and continuous improvement of the plan.
Defence Council Victoria (DCV)	Advises the Victorian Government on strategies to develop and sustain Victoria's defence industry capabilities. Its members represent a broad range of experience across defence operations, equipment acquisition and business and commercial practice.	The DCV has provided advice on implementing <i>Victoria's Defence Technologies Sector Strategy</i> , and optimal approaches to securing work from Defence's 2016 Integrated Investment Program, in particular in the Future Submarine, Future Frigate, Offshore Patrol Vessel and LAND 400 Phase 2 programs.
Innovation Expert Panel (IEP)	A non-statutory panel that advises on topical and emerging innovation trends and issues, disruptive technologies, and their potential to impact business and jobs growth across the economy.	The IEP met four times in 2016–17, with a particular focus on identifying opportunities to address the innovation and digital skills issues and opportunities facing Victorian industry.
International Education Ministerial Roundtable	The roundtable was formed to promote a coordinated and strategic approach to international education, and to support collaboration between government and the international education sector. The roundtable comprises stakeholders from across the schools, VET and tertiary sectors.	In 2016–17, four meetings of the roundtable were convened, considering issues including international student safety, branding and marketing activities, and employability.
Advanced Manufacturing Advisory Council	Established to provide advice to the Victorian Government on priority areas to shape a positive future for Victorian manufacturing. Expert members include representatives from industry, unions and academia.	The council met four times in 2016–17. The council is responsible for overseeing the development of the Advanced Manufacturing Statement, released in September 2017.

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Social Enterprise Ministerial Committee	To lead the development and implementation of the whole-of-government <i>Victorian Social Enterprise Strategy</i> as well as an associated social procurement framework.	Strategy launched in February 2017. Social procurement framework, jointly sponsored by the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Industry and Employment to be prepared by December 2017.
Multicultural Business Ministerial Council	A non-statutory council that utilises the business skills and opportunities presented by non-English speaking backgrounds to assist in developing policy and programs relevant to multicultural businesses.	The council met four times in 2016–17 and members provided advice on how government can engage effectively with multicultural businesses. Achievements included input to the <i>Small Business Regulation Review for the retail sector</i> and a successful panel event as part of the 2016 Small Business Festival Victoria.
Small Business Ministerial Council	An advisory group facilitating government interaction with Victoria's small business community and aims to give small business direct input to assist the development of relevant policies and programs.	The council met four times in 2016–17 with members actively providing input to small business policy and program issues, including the <i>Small Business Regulation Review</i> and the Australian Supplier Payment Code.
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) is a committee established by the Minister for Agriculture to advise on matters associated with the welfare of animals.	AWAC met four times in 2016–17 and members provided advice focused on the <i>Animal Welfare Action Plan</i> and Animal Welfare Reform projects. Achievements included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Direct input to the development of the <i>Animal Welfare Action Plan</i>. – Advice on the drafting of a legislative discussion paper and the development of policy to input into planned legislative reform. – Advice on the Domestic Fowl Regulations and National Standards and Guidelines for the Welfare of Poultry. – Advice to the department regarding Duty of Care Education. – Advice to the department regarding influences of the Social License Tool.

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Apicultural Industry Advisory Committee	The Apicultural Industry Advisory Committee (AIAC) is an industry- based committee of representatives which has an advisory function on compensatable diseases and compensation payments. AIAC is established under the <i>Livestock Disease Control Act 1994</i> .	AIAC has delivered significant benefit to industry, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Employment of a Bee Biosecurity Officer who is a key component of the National Bee Biosecurity Program, to promote and enforce the new Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice. – Provided funding for the design and printing of information notes specific to the honey bee industry. – Provided funding to support the printing and distribution of the Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice. – Provided funding for a key note speaker at the Victorian Apiarists' Association Inc. annual conference that was held in June 2017.
Biosciences Research Centre Joint Venture Board	To oversee arrangements for ongoing management and use of the Biosciences Research Centre as an asset.	The board met bi-monthly in 2016–17 to ensure that the private sector service provider met its contractual obligations and that the Joint Venture partners met their obligations to the service provider.
Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee	The Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee (CCAC) is an industry-based committee of representatives that advises the Minister for Agriculture on compensatable diseases and compensation payments. CCAC is established under the <i>Livestock Disease Control Act 1994</i> .	CCAC delivered significant benefit to industry in 2016–17 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Funding small pilot research projects by AgriBio. – Funding animal disease investigation training for veterinarians in Victoria – a program now in its tenth year. – Victoria's significant disease investigation program, funded by the Cattle Compensation Fund, contributed significantly to Victoria's animal health surveillance system. – Supported the National Livestock Identification System (Cattle) through the provision of a tag subsidy for cattle producers. – Reviewed the Victorian bovine Johne's disease test and control program and its replacement with a subsidised vaccine program.

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Dairy Food Safety Victoria Selection Committee	To make nominations for appointment by the Minister for Agriculture to the Dairy Food Safety Victoria Board in accordance with the <i>Dairy Act 2000</i> .	Committee services were not required in 2016–17.
Fisheries Advisory Council	The Fisheries Advisory Council (FAC) provides advice to the minister on strategic matters relating to the management of fisheries.	Work of the FAC has been deferred until further notice, at the request of the minister.
Fisheries Cost Recovery Standing Committee	The role of the Fisheries Cost Recovery Standing Committee (FCRSC) includes monitoring, reviewing and the critical examination of matters pertaining to cost recovery. The purpose of the FCRSC is to advise the Minister for Agriculture on the ongoing operation of the cost recovery program.	The FCRSC met three times during 2016–17. Through the annual review and adjustment process to cost recovery levy values, the committee continued its scrutiny of costs and delivery of services provided to the commercial fishing sector by government. The committee reported to the minister after each meeting and, as appropriate, made recommendations for action.
Licensing Appeals Tribunal (Fisheries)	The Licensing Appeals Tribunal (LAT) was established under the <i>Fisheries Act 1995</i> to hear and determine appeals against the refusal to grant or renew a commercial fishing licence.	There were no matters requiring consideration by the LAT in 2016–17 so the tribunal did not meet.
National Livestock Identification System Implementation Advisory Committee	<p>The National Livestock Identification System Implementation Advisory Committee (NLISIAC) was established by the Minister for Agriculture to provide advice to the minister on the implementation of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) in Victoria.</p> <p>The NLISIAC developed the timetable for the full implementation of the NLIS in Victoria, including recommendations in relation to mandatory tagging, and has an ongoing advisory role.</p>	<p>NLISIAC delivered significant benefit to the cattle industry by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provided an independent source of livestock identification industry advice to the minister on broad strategic issues affecting farming and animal industries dependant on domestic and export markets. – Fostered a unified, whole-of-industry approach to the development of Victoria’s livestock identification industries, drawing on support from various industry and stakeholder groups without lobbying for individual sectorial interests. – Responded to issues affecting Victoria’s livestock identification industries at the request of the minister. – Supported the department in the development of a livestock identification system, which will establish Victoria as world leader in livestock identification.

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Panel to Support the Implementation of Target One Million	To support the implementation of Target One Million with the provision of independent advice on the \$20 million program for the removal of netting from Port Phillip Bay. This work will form part of the implementation of the government's Target One Million plan for recreational fishing in the State of Victoria.	The panel does not formally meet but played a key role in the planning and delivery of Target One Million election commitments during 2016–17.
Planning for Sustainable Animal Industries Implementation Reference Group	To provide advice to the department regarding the implementation of Planning for Sustainable Animal Industries (PSAI).	The group provided feedback on PSAI actions and contributed to the development of draft land use definitions and graduated planning controls.
PrimeSafe Selection Committee	To make nominations for appointment by the Minister for Agriculture to the PrimeSafe Board in accordance with the Meat Industry Act 1993.	New committee appointed by Minister Pulford.
Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group	The Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group's principal role is to provide advice to the Minister for Agriculture on the expenditure of the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account revenue.	The working group met three times in 2016–17. Members assessed applications received for the 2016–17 round of the Recreational Fishing (Large and Commissioning) Grants Program, and made recommendations to the minister on expenditure of RFL Trust Account funds towards these two programs. The working group also assessed applications received through the Small Grants Program and made recommendations on the expenditure of RFL Trust Account funds through this program.
Regional Partnerships	Regional partnerships were established in July 2016 in Barwon, Central Highlands, Gippsland, Goulburn, Great South Coast, Loddon Campaspe, Ovens Murray, Mallee and Wimmera Southern Mallee. The Partnerships provide strategic advice on government policy, service delivery and budget priorities across social, economic and environmental domains. Partnerships are comprised of a number of local business and community leaders, each local government CEO within the region, a link to the Commonwealth (through the relevant RDA committee) and a Victorian Government Deputy Secretary representing all Victorian government departments.	Partnership members were inducted in August 2016 and developed regional priorities, spread over the short, medium and long term and across government portfolios. These priorities incorporated feedback from Regional Assemblies held in each region, which attracted 1470 people, and extensive community pre-engagement ahead of the Assemblies. The 2017-18 Budget process took account of regional priorities and departments were required to develop implementation plans to progress these. Aside from broad-based infrastructure and service delivery commitments in regional Victoria that align with regional priorities, the Budget also allocated \$29 million to develop and deliver on a number of specific regional priorities.

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Regional Development Advisory Committee (RDAC)	RDAC is prescribed in the <i>Regional Development Victoria Act 2002</i> as an independent source of regional policy advice to the Minister for Regional Development. Members are required to represent all Victorian non-metropolitan regions and comprise a broad mix of skills and experience across economic and community development.	RDAC was established in September 2016, with membership comprising the nine Chairs of the Regional Partnerships. The Committee has focused its work on state-wide, systemic priorities identified through the Regional Partnerships and at the direction of the Minister.
Royal Melbourne Showgrounds Joint Venture	The Royal Melbourne Showgrounds Joint Venture is a joint venture between the State of Victoria and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) Limited to manage the assets at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds and direct appropriate redevelopment of the site.	The board met bi-monthly in 2016–17 to monitor the performance of the private sector contractors in managing and securing the Showgrounds assets. It oversaw the role of the RASV in managing commercial events at the Showgrounds and carried out its role as landowner, achieving its purpose.
Rural Assistance Commissioner	To administer, facilitate and provide services and advice in relation to rural assistance schemes in accordance with the <i>Rural Assistance Schemes Act 2016</i> .	The commissioner provided suitable oversight of the contract with Rural Finance to deliver rural assistance programs.
Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee (SGCAC)	The Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the Minister for Agriculture about compensation payments in respect to Johne's Disease or other declared diseases. The committee is established under the <i>Livestock Disease Control Act 1994</i> .	SGCAC delivered significant benefit to the industry in 2016–17 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Commenced mail outs that provide abattoir feedback information to individual producers about various production limiting diseases as monitored by the national Sheep Health Monitoring Program. – Funded research to develop improved diagnostics for footrot diagnosis. – Provided funding to increase the number of pathology samples examined at the University of Melbourne veterinary school. – Provided funding for numerous surveillance projects to increase Victoria's ability to rapidly detect and respond to emergency animal diseases.

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Sheep and Goat Identification Advisory Committee	The Sheep and Goat Identification Advisory Committee will advise and report to the Minister for Agriculture on any matters relating to the promotion and development of Victoria's sheep and goat identification industry.	<p>With the support of the SGIAC, Minister Pulford announced in August 2016 that as of 1 January 2017, Victoria would be the first state in Australia to introduce an electronic identification system for sheep. The SGIAC have actively supported the minister by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed the operation of the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) (Sheep and Goats) from the perspective of the Victorian sheep and goat industries' current and anticipated future biosecurity and product integrity needs. - Identified enhancements to the NLIS (Sheep and Goats) to meet Victoria's needs. - Identified impediments to the implementation and operation of the NLIS (Sheep and Goats) and advising on strategies that will address impediments. - Provided ongoing advice that will ensure the progressive enhancement of sheep identification and tracking in Victoria. - Oversaw the trial and introduction of radio frequency technology within the various sectors of the Victorian sheep and goat industries as part of the NLIS.
Snobs Creek Fish Production and Liberation Advisory Board	The role of the Snobs Creek Fish Production and Liberation Advisory Board is to provide advice to Fisheries Victoria (now the Victorian Fisheries Authority) on the operations of the Snobs Creek Hatchery. The board's role is to monitor overall delivery and identify and assess strategic opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of fish production and liberation operations into the future.	<p>The board met regularly on a quarterly basis until its expiry on the 26 October 2016. The last meeting was held on 21 September 2016. The board led the development of a strategic plan that resulted in the following outputs: the establishment of the new plankton ponds at Snobs Creek and the development of regular risk reports. The board has proved valuable ensuring that all hatchery activities were fully reported.</p>

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Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee	The Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee (SIPAC) provides advice to the Minister for Agriculture about projects eligible to be funded by the Swine Compensation Fund for the benefit of the swine industry in Victoria and any other matters referred to SIPAC by the minister. SIPAC is established under the <i>Livestock Disease Control Act 1994</i> .	The Swine Compensation Fund contributed \$250,000 to the Pig Services Centre (PSC) to support the ongoing development of close and grounded links with the pig industry and the department. The PSC worked with industry to minimise the risk of major emergency disease outbreaks and biosecurity threats in a bid to enhance the profitability of Victoria's pig industry.
Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria Panel Hearings	The Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria Panel Hearings provides a pool of eligible persons to who may be required to conduct a formal or informal hearing into the professional conduct of a veterinary practitioner under the <i>Veterinary Practice Act 1997</i> .	In 2016–17, the board conducted 20 informal hearings.
Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee	The Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee (VACAC) advises the Secretary of the department about the regulation and control of the application of agricultural chemical products. The VACAC is established under the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992</i> .	The Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee was abolished on 1 March 2017 following an amendment to the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act (1992)</i> through the <i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 2016</i> .
Victorian Agriculture Advisory Council	To provide strategic advice for the support of food and fibre producers, specifically during times of industry pressure or crisis.	The committee held three meetings in 2016–17 to review seasonal and economic conditions in rural Victoria, particularly regions affected by drought and dairy price reductions, and provide advice on assistance measures.
Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee	The Victorian Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee constituted by the Minister for Agriculture to provide advice on matters relating to the management of wild dogs in Victoria, regardless of land tenure.	The Wild Dog Management Advisory Committee was re-established in June 2017.
Wine Industry Ministerial Advisory Committee	To advise the Minister for Agriculture on opportunities for and issues affecting the long-term performance and sustainability of the Victorian wine industry.	The committee met to provide input to the <i>Wine Industry Development Strategy</i> and advice on the Victorian Liquor Subsidy.
Young Farmers Ministerial Advisory Council	To advise on practical actions and opportunities for the attraction and retention of young people in agriculture.	The committee conducted engagement, consultation and leadership development activities with young farmers and relevant stakeholders.

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Creative State Advisory Board	The Creative State Advisory Board was established in April 2016 to take a leading role in the rollout of Creative State, to advise on the implementation of strategic projects and ensure that the sector has a strong voice in the implementation of the actions.	The Board is chaired by the Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley and has met quarterly since it was established. The Board has provided valuable input into individual strategic actions in Creative State. In addition, individual members have committed time and provided expertise outside of the formal meetings.
Visitor Economy Ministerial Advisory Committee	The purpose of the committee is to provide advice to the Minister for Tourism and Major Events on key issues impacting on the visitor economy and oversee the implementation of the Victorian Visitor Economy Strategy. Committee members are appointed by the Minister for Tourism and Major Events on a volunteer basis.	Over 2016-17, the committee oversaw the development of an Action Plan to implement the Victorian Visitor Economy Strategy over the short to medium term. The action plan was released in May 2017.
Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee	Provide advice to the minister regarding the development of the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy – a key action as part of the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry Implementation Plan. The committee also performs a key role in community and stakeholder engagement regarding mine rehabilitation in the Latrobe Valley.	Members were appointed in February 2017. Three meetings have been held to June 2017 addressing mine rehabilitation matters.
Earth Resources Ministerial Advisory Council	Provide strategic advice on the sustainable development of Victoria's mining and resources industry.	Continues to review and advise on matters important to Victoria's earth resources sector.
Technical Review Board	Provide strategic advice in the areas of mine and quarry stability, rehabilitation and other strategic risks, specifically in relation to reducing risks to the environment, public safety and infrastructure.	Continues to consider and provide advice on mine and quarry stability including geotechnical and hydrogeological issues.

Consultancy Expenditure 2016-17 - Below \$10,000

Consultants Engaged	Services Provided	Expenditure for 2016-17 (Exclusive of GST)
Achieve Ag Solutions Pty Ltd	AG solutions to present a seminar on how to achieve Ag solutions accesses and used DEDJTR research improve adoption of technology and science for benefit of livestock producers	\$1,400
Aec Group Ltd	Economic impact assessment of the 2017 Vipers World Championship and Festival of Sails	\$6,454
Anstra Associates Pty Ltd	Technical Services - Fishermens Bend	\$6,354
Biruu Aust Pty Ltd	Mid point review of the Frankston Station Precinct Redevelopment Project	\$8,400
Biruu Aust Pty Ltd	Program Review - Frankston Station Precinct Redevelopment Project	\$8,750
Clemenger Bbdo (Melbourne) Pty Ltd	Concept naming options for Precinct of Excellence	\$7,000
Cochrane Research Solutions	LXRA - Provision of survey and data analysis advice	\$1,500
Compelling Economics Pty Ltd	Economic Impact Modelling	\$4,500
Connexion Consulting	Executive Services - Program Strategy	\$1,900
Construction Planning and Economics Pty Ltd	Music Hub Feasibility Study - Cost Planner	\$1,000
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	Legal advisory services in relation to the BRC Joint Venture Change in Control	\$2,954
CSIRO	Expert fisheries modeling advice	\$4,815
Deakin University	Evaluation of Culture Counts Trial	\$3,000
Dyson Terry	Provide Investment Workshops and Coaching Services	\$1,800
Energy Action (Australia) Pty Ltd	General Services Agreement Update of VIC Electricity & Natural Gas Independent Price Comparison Report	\$5,000
Fal Lawyers	Trademark advice - regional marketing campaign	\$2,393
Fal Lawyers	Legal services	\$931

Consultancy Expenditure 2016-17 - Below \$10,000

Consultants Engaged	Services Provided	Expenditure for 2016-17 (Exclusive of GST)
Foley's List	Provision of legal services re enterprise agreement	\$341
Horton International Pty Ltd	Professional assistance in selection of a recommended candidate for independent Chairperson of the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds Joint Venture Board	\$9,091
IER Pty Ltd	2016 Sailing World Cup - economic impact assessment	\$9,243
Interface Rail Engineering Pty Ltd	Technical Advisory Services	\$1,600
IPP Consulting	Relocation of the PCRf from RD4A to AgriBio - additional work	\$8,400
ISG Projects	Client representation for review of Ballarat CBD Transformation Project business case	\$7,455
List G Barristers Pty Ltd	Professional services re Fair Work Act	\$2,727
M21 Advisory Pty Ltd	Rolling Stock - Specialist Commercial Advisory	\$5,966
Mach 2 Consulting	Review of operational forecasts for proposed Kinglake Ranges Cultural centre	\$2,280
Maddocks Lawyers	Professional fees in relation to MCCD	\$999
Maddocks Lawyers	Provision of legal services re Child Employment legislation	\$3,985
Miller Marilyn	Professional Services	\$6,000
Platinum Fm Pty Ltd	Benchmark Review of pricing for Biosciences Research Centre (BRC) Reviewable Services	\$1,600
Rider Levett Bucknall Vic Pty Ltd	Survey advice on Federation Square facilities	\$4,970
SED Partners Pty Ltd	Professional Services - BILDS Project	\$2,325
SED Partners Pty Ltd	Professional Services - BILDS project	\$7,576
Sibling Architecture	Music Hub Feasability Report	\$7,070
The Brand Business Pty Ltd	Evaluation of the Regional Futures Summit.	\$6,818

Consultancy Expenditure 2016-17 - Below \$10,000

Consultants Engaged	Services Provided	Expenditure for 2016-17 (Exclusive of GST)
The Trustee For RHO Environmetrics Trust	Provision for Analysis of data and report preparation for the "Managing Stubble Loads" project.	\$5,000
The University Of Adelaide	Economic Impact Assessment Methodology Review	\$9,625
The Wedge Group	Translocation and stocking risk assessment Rocklands	\$4,488
The Wedge Group	Native fish translocation draft risk assessment	\$8,975
University Of Tasmania	TACC data audit and assessment	\$1,802
University Of Tasmania	Provision of services: review internal data collection and management	\$4,228
University Of Tasmania	Fishery Independent Survey Review	\$4,793
Varley Gemma Cecilia	Advisory Services - Private Crossings	\$4,000
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Provision of legal services relating to enterprise agreement	\$1,565
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Professional services relating to Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act - Model Documents	\$3,701
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Provision of legal services re compliance with enterprise agreements	\$5,114
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Provision of legal services relating to enterprise agreement	\$5,842
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Advice re Commonwealth legislative amendments	\$6,281
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Professional services re Modern Awards Review	\$6,291
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Advice re HR Charter Assessment	\$6,481
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Provision of legal services relating to VPS agreement	\$6,780
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Provision of legal services relating to enterprise agreement	\$7,467
Victorian Government Solicitors Office	Professional services re legislative amendments	\$9,788
Walsh Elizabeth	Festivals Review	\$4,500

Consultancy Expenditure 2016-17 - Below \$10,000

Consultants Engaged	Services Provided	Expenditure for 2016-17 (Exclusive of GST)
Waterfield Consulting Pty Ltd	Consultants Services for the Small Business Victoria Roundtable	\$9,235
Wiawiba Pty Ltd	Great South Coast Regional Partnership Strategic Planning Workshop	\$3,500
TOTAL		\$276,053

Details of all consultancy expenditure above \$10,000 are referenced in Appendix 8 to the DEDJTR 2016-17 Annual Report which is available on the department's website at economicdevelopment.vic.au

Details of all contractors have been retained by the department and are available on request, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. This information is available on request from:

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