

Ministerial Diary Disclosure Form

Ministerial Code of Conduct, s 5.3

Victorian Government

This form is to be used by ministers for quarterly ministerial diary summaries made in accordance with s 5.3 of the Ministerial Code of Code (Ministerial Code), which requires that:

‘Ministers must publish summaries from their diaries on a quarterly basis, detailing scheduled meetings with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists, Government Affairs Directors, and external individuals.

Summaries should disclose the meeting date, company or organisation with whom the meeting occurred, meeting attendees, including registered lobbyist details (where applicable), purpose of the meeting and any other additional information required by the Premier.’

Ministerial diary summaries must be **attached** to this form and provided to the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet within 10 business days of the end of each quarter. All diary summaries will be published on the Victorian Government website in accordance with the Ministerial Code.

Instructions for completing this form

Complete the details below. Further information on the publication of ministerial diaries, including identifying meetings in scope for disclosure, privacy notices to attendees, and preparation of diary summaries can be found in the Publication of Ministerial Diaries Guidance and Ministerial Office Process Guide.

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Declaration

Quarterly disclosure period: April-June 2024

Minister name: Jaclyn Symes

Ministerial portfolio(s): Attorney-General and Emergency Services

Declaration:

I declare that the information provided in the attached summary of my Ministerial diary is true, accurate and complies with my obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct at the date of signature.

Signature of Minister:  Date: 17/07/2024

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Minister: Jaclyn Symes

Portfolios: Attorney-General and Emergency Services

Subject	Start Date	Description
Meeting with FRV Commissioner	16/04/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services Gavin Freeman - FRV Commissioner Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney-General Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with portfolio entity
Meeting with Professor Noel Woodford and Margaret Grigg, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine	22/04/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Noel Woodford - Head, VIFM Margaret Grigg - VIFM Chair Senior Adviser to the Attorney General Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with portfolio entity
Meeting with the Gordon Family	24/04/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Senior Advisor - Office of Attorney-General Erika Owens - Department of Justice and Community Safety Members of the family of Dr Ashley Gordon Purpose of meeting: Meeting with victim's family regarding youth crime

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Meeting with Phillip Ripper and Wendy Sturgess 2/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General
Phillip Ripper, CEO - No To Violence
Wendy Sturgess - CEO, Child and Family Services Ballarat
Allison Wainwright – CEO, Family Life
Ken Macpherson – Chief of Staff
Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff

Purpose of meeting:

Meeting to discuss women's safety

Meeting with John Cain, State Coroner 6/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General
John Cain - State Coroner
Senior Adviser to the Attorney-General

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with judicial entity

Meeting with Eamonn Moran, Inspector - Victorian Inspectorate 8/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney General;
Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff;
Senior Adviser - Office of the Attorney-General
Eamonn Moran - Inspector

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with statutory agency

Meeting with Peter Kidd, Chief Judge 8/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General
Ken Macpherson – Chief of Staff
Peter Kidd - Chief Judge

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with judicial entity

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Meeting with Anne Ferguson,
Chief Justice 8/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General

Anne Ferguson - Chief Justice

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with judicial entity

Meeting with Premier and Lisa
Hannan, Chief Magistrate 9/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General

Jacinta Allan - Premier

Lisa Hannan - Chief Magistrate

Lidija Bujanovic – Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the
Attorney-General

Senior Adviser, Office of the Premier

Purpose of meeting:

Meeting to discuss opportunities to improve women’s
safety

Meeting with Minister Symes
and Valerie Callister, Chair, Fire
District Review Panel 9/5/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services

Valerie Callister - Chair Fire District Review Panel

Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff, Office of Jac Symes

Senior Adviser - Office of the Minister for
Emergency Services

Adviser - Office of the Minister for Emergency Services

Purpose of meeting: Briefing with stakeholder

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Meeting with Kerri Judd KC, Director of Public Prosecutions	14/5/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Kerri Judd - Director of Public Prosecutions Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with statutory authority
Meeting with Ro Allen and Tas Mousaferiadis VEOHRC Board Chair and Commissioner	15/5/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff Ro Allen - VEOHRC Tass Mousaferiadis - VEOHRC Board Chair Senior Adviser - Office of the Attorney-General Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with portfolio entity
Meeting with the Victoria Legal Services Board	16/05/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Fionna Bennett - Victoria Legal Services Board Fiona McLeay - Victorian Legal Services Board Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with portfolio entity
Meeting with Stewart Carter	16/05/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Stewart Carter - Advocate Senior Adviser - Office of the Attorney-General Purpose of meeting: Meeting regarding proposed sentencing legislation

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Meeting with the Victorian Bar	27/05/2024	<p>Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff Sam Hay - Immediate Past President Victorian Bar Georgina Schoff - President Victorian Bar</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with stakeholder</p>
Meeting with Alistair Pound, Solicitor General	3/6/2024	<p>Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Alistair Pound - Solicitor-General Ken Macpherson – Chief of Staff Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with statutory office-holder</p>
Meeting with the Honourable Justice Ted Woodward, President of VCAT	4/6/2024	<p>Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff Justice Ted Woodward - VCAT President Fiona Chamberlain - CEO of VCAT Additonal VCAT staff</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with judicial entity</p>

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Meeting with Marlo Baragwanath, Victorian Ombudsman	4/6/2024	<p>Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Attorney General; Senior Advisor, Office of the Attorney-General Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff; Marlo Baragwanath - Victorian Ombudsman, Andrew Adason - Assistant Ombudsman</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with statutory agency</p>
Childrens Court of Victoria	4/6/2024	<p>Attendees: Jack Vandersteen - President, Childrens Court of Victoria Louise James - Strategic Advisor to the President, Childrens Court of Victoria Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney-General Grame Cuxson - Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Erdogan Adviser, Office of the Attorney General Adviser, Office of Minister Erdogan Jodi Henderson - Deputy Secretary, Youth Justice, DJCS Andrea Davidson - Commissioner, Youth Justice DJCS Marian Chapman - Deputy Secretary, Criminal and Civil Law Police, Courts Civil and Criminal Law DJCS Katie Bosco - Executive Director, Criminal and Civil Law Policy, Courts Civil and Criminal Law DJCS Benjamin Russo - Director, System Reform and Implementation, Youth Justice DJCS</p> <p>Purpose of meeting: Portfolio matter in relation to Youth Justice</p>

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Meeting with Michael Bagnall, VICSES	5/6/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services; Senior Adviser - Office of the Minister for Emergency Services Goldie Pergl – SES Brigade Representative Michael Casha – SES Brigade Representative Purpose of meeting: To meet with VICSES Volunteers
Meeting with National Emergency Management Authority (Brendan Moon)	5/6/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff Senior Adviser - Office of the Minister for ES Adviser - Office of the Minister for ES Kate Fitzgerald - Dept Secretary of Emergency Management Victoria Dean Purkis - Acting CEO of Emergency Recovery Victoria Purpose of meeting: To discuss VicGov recovery from natural disasters and collaboration with the Commonwealth
Meeting with FRV Commissioner Gavin Freeman	7/6/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff Purpose of meeting: Regular meeting with portfolio entity
Meeting with Reynah Tang VCAT	11/6/2024	Attendees: Jaclyn Symes – Attorney-General Lidija Bujanovic – Deputy Chief of Staff Reynah Tang – Deputy Head of Legal Practice List at VCAT Jason Ong – Magistrate Silvana Wilson – Senior Member at VCAT

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Arushan Pillay – County Court Judge

Purpose of meeting:

Meeting to discuss judicial diversity

Meeting with Kerri Judd, DPP

12/6/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes – Attorney-General

Kerri Judd – Director of Public Prosecutions

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with statutory authority

Meeting with Nerita Waight

12-Jun

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes – Attorney-General

Lidija Bujanovic – Deputy Chief of Staff

Nerita Waight – CEO of Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with legal stakeholder

Meeting with Niall Blair,
Fire Services Implementation
Monitor

24/06/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Minister for Emergency Services

Ken Macpherson - Chief of Staff

Senior Adviser - Office of the Minister for ES

Adviser - Office of the Minister for ES

Niall Blair – Fire Services Implementation Monitor

Purpose of meeting:

Annual meeting with statutory agency

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Meeting with Minister Erdogan,
Fiona McCormack, Victims of
Crime Commissioner
and Janine Bush CEO

25/06/2024

Attendees:

Janine Bush, Chief Executive Office, Victims of Crime
Commissioner's Office

Fiona McCormack, Victims of Crime Commissioner

Jaclyn Symes, Attorney General

Graeme Cuxson, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Erdogan

Senior Adviser, Office of Attorney-General

Adviser, Office of Minister Erdogan

Purpose of meeting:

Portfolio matter in relation to Victim support and Attorney-
General portfolio

Meeting with Matt and Robyn
Cronin

25/06/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney-General

Senior Advisory - Attorney-General's Office

Matt Cronin - Patrick Cronin Foundation

Robyn Cronin - Patrick Cronin Foundation

Purpose of meeting:

Meeting to discuss operation of sentencing laws

Meeting with Victorian Law
Reform
Commission Acting Chair,
The Hon Jennifer Coate

25/06/2024

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney General;

Senior Advisor - Office of the Attorney-General

Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff;

Jennifer Coate - Chair, VLRC,

Merrin Mason - CEO, VLRC

Purpose of meeting:

Regular meeting with portfolio agency

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Meeting with Justice Peter Gray 25/06/2024
SC and
Associate Justice Julian Hetyey

Attendees:

Jaclyn Symes - Attorney General;
Senior Advisor - Office of the Attorney-General;
Lidija Bujanovic - Deputy Chief of Staff;
Peter Gray - Judge (SCV);
Julian Hetyey - Associate Judge (SCV)

Purpose of meeting:

Discussion about vexatious litigants