

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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Tuesday 1 June 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 2.00 pm

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **RACING AND GAMING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Smith).*
- 2 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
- 3 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
- 4 **STATE TAXATION ACTS (TAX REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
- 5 **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 6 **AMBULANCE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 7 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION (COMMONWEALTH DETAINEES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 8 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 9 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 10 **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 11 **FAIR TRADING (CONSUMER CONTRACTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*

- 12 **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 13 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
 - (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;

- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
(a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
(b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a

continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.

- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.

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- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner's Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.

- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers' money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union's 'closed-shop' on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has

- had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
 - (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;

(q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-

General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.

- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.

- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community's major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.

- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.

- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

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- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.

- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.

- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.

- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government's involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed 'No Tolls' signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the 'No Tolls' bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport's personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government

members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority

submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.

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- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to

fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council

President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.

- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government’s decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government’s proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and

expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.

- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...'.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to

the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.

- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and

their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.

- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.

- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.

- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was

very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.

- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says 'occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training'.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria's education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School's bill for \$9,723 and its school council's question 'where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance'.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government's demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of

local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.

- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.

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- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.

- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.

- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at

the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.

253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.

- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

- 258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.
- 259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:
- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
 - (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
 - (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
 - (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
 - (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
 - (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
 - (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.
- 260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gegalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.
- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be

afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.

- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.

- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.

- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.

- 297 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and

(b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.

- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure ‘percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading’ which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project's cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state's biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.

- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.

- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that ‘judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government’ and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General’s statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle’s statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes ‘only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management’.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government’s earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.

- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsen for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.

- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that 'many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location' and the school's conclusion that it is in a 'safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard', and supports this school's legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council 'with the Victorian State Government's decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years'; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the 'world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs' and further commends the school for its assessment that 'information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated'.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government's proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.

- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.

- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 ***MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 ***MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.
- 386 ***MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come

from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.

- 389 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 ***MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 ***MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 ***MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).

- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 June 2003*) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*5 June 2003*) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

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- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (27 August 2003) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 August 2003) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (27 August 2003) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (27 August 2003) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (28 August and 29 October 2003) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (28 August 2003) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (16 September 2003) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (16 September 2003) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (16 September 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).

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- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (7 October 2003) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (7 October 2003) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (7 and 8 October 2003) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (8 October 2003) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (15 October 2003) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 October 2003) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (*30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*5 November 2003*) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).

- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 November 2003) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (31 March 2004) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and

Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).

- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26 and 27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUSES AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (6 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (11 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (25 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).

- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 ***WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (27 May 2004) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 65

Wednesday 2 June 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

STATEMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Under SO 41*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 ***MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House —

- (1) Takes note of and endorses the resolutions on anti-Semitism presented in the Federal House of Representatives on 16 February 2004 and in the Senate on 22 March 2004, particularly noting the long history of anti-Semitism and its lethal capacity to influence many people to express hatred and carry out violence against Jewish people; and
- (2) In recognition of this, and given this State's unwavering commitment to multicultural and multi-faith harmony among all its citizens:
 - (a) reaffirms its opposition to all forms of racial and ethnic hatred, persecution and discrimination on ethnic or religious grounds, whenever and wherever it occurs;
 - (b) expresses its unequivocal condemnation of violence directed against individuals, religious and cultural institutions;
 - (c) resolves to condemn all manifestations of racism and religious vilification in Victoria as a threat to the freedoms that all citizens in this State should enjoy equally in a democratic society and commits the Parliament to take all possible concrete actions to combat this threat to our peaceful and diverse society;
 - (d) further resolves to encourage leaders of Victorian community groups to use their influence to oppose and counter racism and religious vilification and to promote all possible efforts at fostering tolerance, respect and community harmony; and
 - (e) recognises the social, cultural and economic benefits provided to all Victorians by the State's multicultural and multi-faith society.

* New entry.

2 *φ **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That so much of standing orders be suspended for Wednesday 2 June 2004 so as to allow —

- (1) In relation to Notice of Motion No 1 concerning anti-Semitism, the number of speakers and length of speeches will be limited to three government members, two Liberal Party members, and one Nationals member who may each speak for a maximum of ten minutes; and
- (2) At the conclusion of all speeches permitted by paragraph (1), the Chair will immediately put the question or questions required to dispose of the motion.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **STATE TAXATION ACTS (TAX REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
- 2 **SUSTAINABLE FORESTS (TIMBER) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 3 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 4 **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 5 **AMBULANCE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 6 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION (COMMONWEALTH DETAINEES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 7 **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 8 **FAIR TRADING (CONSUMER CONTRACTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 9 * **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 10 * **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading.
- 11 * **SENTENCING (SUPERANNUATION ORDERS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 12 * **BUILDING (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 13 * **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading.
- 14 **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*

- 15 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
 - (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
 - (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;

- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
 - (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
 - (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and

(c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.

- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, The this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside

fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.

- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner's Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this

project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.

- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers' money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union's 'closed-shop' on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the

- fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
 - (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
 - (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

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- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit

that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.

- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.

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- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community's major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.

- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from

Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.

- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.
- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across

rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.

- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.

- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to

provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.

- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government’s involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than

Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.

- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¼ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed ‘No Tolls’ signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the ‘No Tolls’ bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport’s personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.

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- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for

Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.

- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take

appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should 'rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools'.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's

imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.

- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey's Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, 'this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government's policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning'.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that 'this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students'.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows 'the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed' and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government's decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for —
(a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground

swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.

- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...'.
- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student

services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.

- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.
- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a

\$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.

- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.
- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.

- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say ‘it is the Department’s ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities’.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that ‘Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one “injury” that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools’.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school’s annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say ‘that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools’.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs

onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.

- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make 'an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools'; and '... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...'.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said 'to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial "incentives" which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day'.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.

- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.

- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as

clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.

- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says 'occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training'.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria's education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School's bill for \$9,723 and its school council's question 'where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance'.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government's demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now

supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.

- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.

- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by

requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.

- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the

Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.

- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for

themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.

253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.

- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas,

electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
- (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of

Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gigalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.

- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.
- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.

- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent

classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.

- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.

- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to

meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.

- 298 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and

social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes,

improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.

- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure ‘percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading’ which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest’s statement on radio that he ‘is embarrassed’ by the Federal Government’s time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.

- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.

- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that ‘judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government’ and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General’s statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle’s statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes ‘only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management’.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government’s earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional

families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.

- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.

- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as ‘not a serious problem’.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the

Government's proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.

- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.

- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to

the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.

- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent

the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.

385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:

“Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.

If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.

‘In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen’ Cr Brown said.

‘I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee’.

Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere.” —

and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government’s proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.

387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.

388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.

389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.

390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka’s record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a ‘chucker’.

391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington;

(b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.

- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 ***MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 ***MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 ***MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 ***MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 ***MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for

Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.

- 398 ***MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 ***MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 ***MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (8 May 2003) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 June 2003) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (5 June 2003) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (26 August 2003) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (27 August 2003) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 August 2003) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the

increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

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- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).

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- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (8 October 2003) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (15 October 2003) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 October 2003) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).

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- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*5 November 2003*) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address

the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).

- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 November 2003*) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*3 March 2004*) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*4 March and 1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages

young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location— To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the

Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).

- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May and 1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (6 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (11 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (25 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the

municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 ***POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 66

Thursday 3 June 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading.
- 2 **SENTENCING (SUPERANNUATION ORDERS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 3 **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 4 **AMBULANCE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 5 **MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION (COMMONWEALTH DETAINEES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 6 **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 7 **FAIR TRADING (CONSUMER CONTRACTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 8 **STATE TAXATION ACTS (TAX REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Walsh).*
- 9 **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 10 **BUILDING (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 11 **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading.
- 12 **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*

- 13 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 14 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
 - (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;

- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
(a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
(b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a

continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.

- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.

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- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner's Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.

- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers' money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union's 'closed-shop' on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has

- had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
 - (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;

(q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-

General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.

- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.

- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community's major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.

- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.

- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

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- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.

- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.

- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.

- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government's involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed 'No Tolls' signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the 'No Tolls' bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport's personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government

members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority

submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.

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- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to

fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council

President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should 'rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools'.

- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey's Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, 'this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government's policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning'.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that 'this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students'.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows 'the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed' and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government's decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and

expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.

- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...'.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to

the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.

- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and

their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.

- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.

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- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.

- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was

very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.

- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says 'occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training'.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria's education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School's bill for \$9,723 and its school council's question 'where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance'.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government's demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of

local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.

- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.

- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.

- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.

- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at

the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.

253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.

- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

- 258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.
- 259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:
- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
 - (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
 - (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
 - (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
 - (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
 - (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
 - (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.
- 260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gigalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.
- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be

afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.

- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.

- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.

- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.

- 297 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and

(b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.

- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure ‘percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading’ which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project's cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state's biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.

- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.

- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that ‘judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government’ and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General’s statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle’s statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes ‘only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management’.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government’s earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.

- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.

- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that 'many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location' and the school's conclusion that it is in a 'safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard', and supports this school's legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council 'with the Victorian State Government's decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years'; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the 'world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs' and further commends the school for its assessment that 'information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated'.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government's proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.

- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.

- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.
- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.

- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.

- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria

* New entry.

recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.

- 403 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 ***MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 ***MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.
- 407 ***MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 ***MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.
- 409 ***MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 ***MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.

- 411 ***MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 ***MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 June 2003*) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

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- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*5 June 2003*) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).

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- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

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- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS**— Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support,

children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).

- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (*28 October 2003*) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*29 October 2003*) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (*30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*5 November 2003*) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 November 2003*) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed

until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*3 March 2004*) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*4 March and 1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the

proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).

- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1 and 2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the

need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*6 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*11 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*25 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House

makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 ***BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 67

Tuesday 24 August 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 2.00 pm

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 2 **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 3 **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 4 **SENTENCING (SUPERANNUATION ORDERS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 5 **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
- 6 **BUILDING (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
- 7 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*
- 8 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —

- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
- (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;

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- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
 - (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
 - (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
 - (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.
- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
 - 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
 - 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
 - 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
 - (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
 - (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
 - 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for —
 - (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and
 - (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
 - 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.

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- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, The this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.

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- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP’s election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.

- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the

practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;

- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
- (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
- (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
- (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
- (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
- (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.

32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.

- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government’s 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.

- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of

embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.

- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.

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- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.

- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.
- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning 'deliberately' misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.

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- 81 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government's own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government's home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words 'urgently needed' new relocatable classrooms for Victoria's schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long

problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.

- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.

- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government’s involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such

disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.

- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed ‘No Tolls’ signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the ‘No Tolls’ bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport’s personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to

compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.

- 128 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 135 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should 'rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools'.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey's Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School

Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, 'this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government's policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning'.

- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that 'this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students'.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows 'the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed' and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government's decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.

- 149 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said ‘were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable’.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system ‘anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident’; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says ‘the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.
- 154 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.

- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.
- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy

Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.

- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.
- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say ‘it is the Department’s ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities’.

- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said 'this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...'.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make 'an honest attempt at consultation with a view to

investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools'; and '... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...'.

- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said 'to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial "incentives" which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day'.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.

- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria’s Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.

- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural

school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says ‘occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training’.

- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria’s education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School’s bill for \$9,723 and its school council’s question ‘where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance’.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government’s demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D’AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer’s report that ‘it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time’.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the

Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.

- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.

- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.

- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.

- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.

- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
- (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gigalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.

- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.

- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.

- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these

wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.

- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the

simple option of enshrining the 'highway rule' of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government's own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.

- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria's history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government's real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.

- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest’s statement on radio that he ‘is embarrassed’ by the Federal Government’s time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.

- 331 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.

- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.

- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at

Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.

- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as ‘not a serious problem’.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.

- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that

national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.

- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.

- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.

‘In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen’ Cr Brown said.

‘I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee’.

Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere.” —

and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government’s proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka’s record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a ‘chucker’.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston;

(ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.

- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.

- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.
- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the

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Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 414 ***MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 ***MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 416 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 ***MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 ***MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.

- 421 ***MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.
- 423 ***MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, 'entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging', much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that '[we should] hold on to our hats' and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and 'start again' on rural zones.
- 425 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an 'interest' in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 ***MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated 'I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government's tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be', when at the same time the Attorney-General's own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 ***MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout

Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 428 ***DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 430 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 ***MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).

- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (27 March 2003) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (30 April 2003) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (8 May 2003) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 June 2003) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (5 June 2003) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).

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- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).

- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (*28 October 2003*) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

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- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (18 and 26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (20 November 2003) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).

- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 November 2003) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (31 March 2004) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and

Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).

- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2 and 3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (6 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (11 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).

- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (25 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (27 May 2004) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and

fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).

- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 110 ***INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 ***TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 113 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

- 114 ***WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 67

Day and hour of the next meeting to be fixed by the Speaker

Issued 3 June 2004

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 2 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensure that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 3 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey).*

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
 - (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment;

- (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks;
- (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations;
- (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems;
- (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved;
- (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved;
- (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires;
- (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and
- (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
- (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

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- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria’s precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutton Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT’s reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT’s operation.

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- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, The this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.

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- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads’ computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant

- issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;

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- (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
 - (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
 - (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.

- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.

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- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House,

including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.

- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.

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- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.

- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the ‘no tolling Scoresby Freeway’ public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.
- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.

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- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia’s mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.

- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of Waltzing Matilda at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight

network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.

- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government’s involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of

tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.

- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed ‘No Tolls’ signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the ‘No Tolls’ bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport’s personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or

vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 120 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.

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- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.

- 136 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria’s homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is ‘deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise’ and ‘this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale’.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching

staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.

- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government’s decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government’s proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish’s statement that ‘he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura’.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute ‘quarrying’ and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.

- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said ‘were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable’.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system ‘anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident’; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says ‘the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.
- 154 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.

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- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.
- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.

- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government's decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his 'support for the proposed development'.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said '... this will just put more pressure on the school's ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today's environment ...'.
- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.

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- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that ‘Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one “injury” that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools’.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school’s annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say ‘that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools’.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and

recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.

- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School

Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.

- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria’s Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General’s comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria’s Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, ‘continue to not align with legislation’ and condemns the Minister for Planning for not

acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.

- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says 'occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training'.

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- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria's education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School's bill for \$9,723 and its school council's question 'where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance'.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government's demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.

- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.

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- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.

- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.

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- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.
- 254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.

- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
- (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gigalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.

- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.

- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.

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- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these

wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.

- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the

simple option of enshrining the 'highway rule' of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government's own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.

- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria's history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government's real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.

- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest’s statement on radio that he ‘is embarrassed’ by the Federal Government’s time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.

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- 331 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.

- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.

- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at

Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.

- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as ‘not a serious problem’.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.

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- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that

national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.

- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.

- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.

‘In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen’ Cr Brown said.

‘I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee’.

Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere.” —

and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government’s proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka’s record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a ‘chucker’.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston;

(ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.

- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.

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- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.
- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the

* New entry.

Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 414 ***MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 ***MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 416 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 ***MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 ***MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.

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- 421 ***MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.
- 423 ***MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, 'entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging', much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that '[we should] hold on to our hats' and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and 'start again' on rural zones.
- 425 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an 'interest' in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 ***MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated 'I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government's tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be', when at the same time the Attorney-General's own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 ***MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout

Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 428 ***DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 430 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 ***MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).

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- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (27 March 2003) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
 - 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (30 April 2003) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
 - 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
 - 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
 - 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (8 May 2003) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
 - 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
 - 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
 - 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 June 2003) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
 - 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
 - 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
 - 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
 - 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (5 June 2003) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).

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- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).

- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (*28 October 2003*) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

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- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (18 and 26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (20 November 2003) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).

- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 November 2003*) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*3 March 2004*) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

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- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*4 March and 1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and

Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).

- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2 and 3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

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- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (6 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (11 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).

- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (25 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (27 May 2004) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and

fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).

- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 110 ***INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 ***TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 113 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 ***WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of

the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2004

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 2 **SENTENCING (SUPERANNUATION ORDERS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 3 **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood)*.
- 4 **BUILDING (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
- 5 **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells)*.

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 68

Wednesday 25 August 2004
The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted

STATEMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Under SO 41*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 ***VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading.
- 2 ***MAJOR CRIME LEGISLATION (OFFICE OF POLICE INTEGRITY) BILL** — Second reading.
- 3 ***MAJOR CRIME (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS MONITOR) BILL** — Second reading.
- 4 **BUILDING (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
- 5 **SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder)*.
- 6 **SENTENCING (SUPERANNUATION ORDERS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells)*.
- 7 **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Cooper)*.
- 8 **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*.
- 9 ***ABORIGINAL LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.

* New entry.

- 10 ***PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 11 ***WATER INDUSTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 12 ***EVIDENCE (WITNESS IDENTITY PROTECTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 13 ***MAGISTRATES' COURT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 14 ***MAGISTRATES' COURT (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 15 ***GAMBLING REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 16 ***CONSTITUTION (RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 17 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 18 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of

vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;

- (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.

3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests,

or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.

- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.

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- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.

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- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads’ computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and

- (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;

- (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
- (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
- (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
- (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.

- 38 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.

- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.

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- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.

- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all

local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.

- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia’s mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.

- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.

- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government's involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed 'No Tolls' signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the 'No Tolls' bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport's personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

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- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.

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- 124 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.

- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.

- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government’s decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.

- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to

the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship

to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.

- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the

Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today's environment ...'.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.

- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.

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- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.

- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield's — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.

- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said ‘but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it’s um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here’ ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words ‘as clearly as possible’ whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says ‘occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training’.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria’s education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School’s bill for \$9,723 and its school council’s question ‘where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance’.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government’s demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.

- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site,

and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.

- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under

funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.

- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.

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- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.

- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.
- 254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.
- 255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;

- (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results

(v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;

- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State

expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.

(7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gegalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.

262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.

263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that 'the Minister was debating the question' as the Speaker's refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.

265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire's continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.

266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party's policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government's announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to

abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.

- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government's new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting's resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.

- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.

- 294 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.

- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that

under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.

- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to

the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.

318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.

319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.

320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.

322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.

323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.

- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the

Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.

- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.

- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.

- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.

- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.

- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and

misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.

- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.

- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.

- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.
- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.

- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 **MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 414 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two

contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 416 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 **MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.
- 421 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.

- 423 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, ‘entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging’, much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that ‘[we should] hold on to our hats’ and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and ‘start again’ on rural zones.
- 425 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an ‘interest’ in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 **MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated ‘I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government’s tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be’, when at the same time the Attorney-General’s own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 428 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to

policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 430 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 24 AUGUST 2004

- 436 ***MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for his lack of dedication to his job as evidenced by only one contribution to the adjournment debate and only two questions without notice in the Autumn 2004 sitting and recommends to the Member that should he be so foolish as to again condemn Members of the Opposition, that he first check to see his own performance in Parliament on these matters is better rather than worse than the Member he seeks to criticise.
- 437 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its piecemeal approach to security at our country airports as — (a) the Howard Government's regional aviation security announcement does not deliver what is required to reassure passengers and tourists using country airports; (b) despite all the bells and whistles announced on 23 August 2004, country airports across Australia will still not have routine passenger screening — the key to ensuring security; (c) the Federal Government also failed to speak to state police forces about how their new SWAT teams will link in with police or speak to them about airport security, despite it being state police who are the first to respond to any emergencies at airports; and queries what it will take for the Federal Government to live up to its rhetoric and provide appropriate security at regional airports.

- 438 ***MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for committing only \$1,200 for every megalitre of water saved by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, compared with \$10,000 per megalitre saved, paid to assist city people to buy dishwashers, washing machines and rainwater tanks.
- 439 ***MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$22.6 million for the construction of Palmers Road between Dunnings Road and the Princes Freeway, Point Cook, including a connection over the Freeway, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and improve access to Point Cook, but will also improve road safety for the residents.
- 440 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for proposing to situate the toxic waste dump at Nowingi, where there are no water and sewerage services available, a situation which goes against the Government's own published assessment factors for judging the merits of a toxic waste dump site, and which raises serious questions about the transportation of water to the site and the removal of toxic truck wash-down water and sewerage from this geographically remote location.
- 441 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his blatant disregard of the environment, in allowing his Government to clear at least 100 hectares of important Mallee vegetation which provides important habitat for endangered species such as the Malleefowl, Mallee emu-wren, black-eared miner, regent parrot and red-lored whistler for a toxic waste dump.
- 442 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.1 million for the duplication of Mickleham Road between Alanbrae Terrace and Barrymore Road, Attwood, noting that the funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Attwood and those people who drive through the area.
- 443 ***MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this city-centric Labor Government for not providing enough funds to ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs in rural and regional Victorian communities.
- 444 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House notes the dramatic decline in business expenditure on research and development since the election of the Howard Government and in particular that this decline will eventually cause a dramatic decline in all Victorian living standards.
- 445 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its placing of a toxic waste dump in the immediate vicinity of the internationally recognised Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and within an important habitat corridor between the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Sunset National Park.
- 446 ***MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$14 million for the duplication of Plenty Road between Centenary Drive and Bethany Court, South Morang, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of South Morang and the people who drive through this area.

- 447 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend more than 40 community groups from across Melbourne at a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 June 2004, protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and the adverse effects of that policy on the amenity of Melbourne suburbs.
- 448 ***MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its lack of security at our ports whereby only three in every 1,000 containers coming into Australian ports are checked by the Commonwealth and calls on the Federal Government to step up security at ports to prevent illicit drugs and illegal weapons entering the country.
- 449 ***MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the city-centric Labor Government for not supporting preschools, their over-worked volunteer committees of management and their teachers; (b) notes that the first fundamental step in a child's education should be fully funded to ensure the retaining and attraction of the best and brightest graduates into the preschool sector and that preschool education is an important factor in a child's successful primary and secondary education; and (c) supports the Nationals policy and transfers preschool to the Department of Education and Training where it belongs.
- 450 ***MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$15.9 million for the duplication of Cranbourne-Frankston Road between Warrandyte Road and Centre Road, Langwarrin, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Langwarrin and those people who drive through the area.
- 451 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Brandon Park on 12 July 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and its adverse effects on amenity in the area.
- 452 ***MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Government of Australia, under the excellent leadership of Prime Minister John Howard, for establishing a free trade agreement with the United States of America, and calls on the Victorian Government to note that this magnificent achievement will, among its many advantages to Australia, enable exports of dairy products to the USA to increase from \$40 million per year to at least \$95 million per year; and (b) urges the Victorian Government to take urgent action to assist the dairy industry of Victoria take full advantage of this increased market.
- 453 ***MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government over its regional aviation security strategy which falls short of what is needed to ensure appropriate levels of security at regional airports and is piecemeal in its approach and calls on the Federal Government to consult with state police forces about the operation of new security and also to introduce passenger screening, which is the key to ensuring security.
- 454 ***DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House opposes the decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to locate a toxic waste dump at Hattah-Nowingi because — (a) the proposed site is too close to the growing Sunraysia food bowl and hence threatens the vital clean green marketing image of this region; (b) the proposed site is 500 kilometres from Melbourne, the source of this waste, adding significant cost and risk due to the long transport route; and (c) the proposed site is environmentally unsuitable as it is within the Murray-Darling catchment area and is currently home to unique Mallee flora and fauna.

- 455 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this House notes that the Howard Government is yet again heading to an election promising a Pakenham bypass and condemns in the strongest terms the Howard Government for its failure to give Victoria its fair share of road funding.
- 456 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a public rally at McMahans Road, Frankston on Sunday 1 August 2004 protesting against the out of centre and out of zone proposal for a bulky goods zone in residential land.
- 457 ***MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its obstructionist approach in not granting telephone intercept powers to the Victorian Ombudsman and calls on the Federal Government to stop playing politics with such a serious issue and give the Ombudsman these powers to assist, rather than obstruct, the State Government's war against crime.
- 458 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to notify the Bass Coast and East Gippsland Shires of her visit to Inverloch on 13 August 2004 and for trying to keep that visit secret from the South Gippsland community.
- 459 ***MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools.
- 460 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for seeking to locate a toxic waste dump within immediate and dangerous proximity to the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 461 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for its leadership on renewable energy and condemns the Howard Federal Government for its absence of leadership on this important issue.
- 462 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Kyneton on 22 August 2004 protesting against the proposed wind farm at Pipers Creek.
- 463 ***MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Government for approving, in June 2004, a \$300,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund towards a pavilion for the hockey field at Berwick Secondary College.
- 464 ***DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern the decision of several major investors in significant horticulture projects in the Mildura Region to put these projects on hold because of the ill considered and illogical decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to put Melbourne's toxic waste at Hattah-Nowingi in the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 465 ***MR LIM** — To move, That this House notes the failure of the Howard Federal Government to ensure that adequate adjustments mechanisms are in place for regional Victorian communities that are heavily reliant on the textile clothing and footwear industries whilst at the same time unilaterally reducing tariffs on these products.
- 466 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$26.2 million for the duplication of Somerton Road between Hume Highway and west of the rail line, Somerton, including grade separation over the rail line, noting that this funding

will not only reduce traffic congestion and ease the flow of freight, but will also improve road safety for the residents and businesses of Somerton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 June 2003*) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*5 June 2003*) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

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- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS**— Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).

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- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 November 2003*) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed

until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 ***PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April, 4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

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- 83 ***TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 ***MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2, 3 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 ***RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*6 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*11 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*25 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the

hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

- 110 **INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 113 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 **WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 115 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 116 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 117 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCING AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to — (a) recognise and respect the qualifications of preschool teachers, their work and the value of preschool education; (b) aim to retain and attract more preschool teachers to tackle teacher shortages (especially in rural areas); and (c) provide appropriate resources to provide salary parity and to fund preschools adequately — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 118 ***LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and

appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 119 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 69

Thursday 26 August 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **GAMBLING REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 2 **CONSTITUTION (RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 3 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 4 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 5 **EVIDENCE (WITNESS IDENTITY PROTECTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 6 **WATER INDUSTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 7 **ABORIGINAL LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 8 **VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Nardella)*.
- 9 **NATIONAL PARKS (ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells)*.
- 10 **CRIMES (DANGEROUS DRIVING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*.
- 11 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).

12 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —

- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
- (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;

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- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
 - (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
 - (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
 - (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.
- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
(a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
(b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision

of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.

- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, The this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.

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- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP’s election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.

- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the

practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;

- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
- (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
- (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
- (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
- (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
- (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.

32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.

- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government’s 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.

- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of

embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.

- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.

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- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.

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- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.
- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning 'deliberately' misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.

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- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government's own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government's home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words 'urgently needed' new relocatable classrooms for Victoria's schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long

problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.

- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.

- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government’s involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such

disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.

- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¼ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed ‘No Tolls’ signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the ‘No Tolls’ bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport’s personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members’ responsibilities to this Parliament’s independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to

compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.

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- 128 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 135 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should 'rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools'.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey's Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School

Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, 'this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government's policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning'.

- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that 'this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students'.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows 'the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed' and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government's decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.

- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said ‘were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable’.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system ‘anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident’; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says ‘the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.
- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.

- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.
- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy

Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.

- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.
- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say ‘it is the Department’s ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities’.

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- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said 'this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...'.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make 'an honest attempt at consultation with a view to

investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools'; and '... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...'.

- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said 'to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial "incentives" which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day'.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.

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- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria’s Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.

- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural

school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says ‘occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training’.

- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria’s education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School’s bill for \$9,723 and its school council’s question ‘where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance’.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government’s demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D’AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer’s report that ‘it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time’.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the

Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.

- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.

- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highbury Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.

- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.

- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.

- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
- (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gigalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.

- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.

- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.

- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these

wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.

- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the

simple option of enshrining the 'highway rule' of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government's own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.

- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria's history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government's real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.

- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should 'put up or shut up'.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government's original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

'But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project's cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

"We'll commit more when the feds do the same", is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state's biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.' —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest’s statement on radio that he ‘is embarrassed’ by the Federal Government’s time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.

- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.

- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsen for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.

- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at

Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.

- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as ‘not a serious problem’.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.

- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that

national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.

- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.

- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.

‘In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen’ Cr Brown said.

‘I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee’.

Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere.” —

and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government’s proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka’s record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a ‘chucker’.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston;

(ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.

- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.

- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.
- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 **MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 414 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 416 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 **MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.
- 421 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies

that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 422 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.
- 423 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, ‘entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging’, much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that ‘[we should] hold on to our hats’ and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and ‘start again’ on rural zones.
- 425 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an ‘interest’ in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 **MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated ‘I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government’s tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be’, when at the same time the Attorney-General’s own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the

Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 428 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 430 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 24 AUGUST 2004

- 436 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for his lack of dedication to his job as evidenced by only one contribution to the adjournment debate and only two questions without notice in the Autumn 2004 sitting and recommends to the Member that should he be so foolish as to again condemn Members of the Opposition, that he first check to

see his own performance in Parliament on these matters is better rather than worse than the Member he seeks to criticise.

- 437 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its piecemeal approach to security at our country airports as — (a) the Howard Government's regional aviation security announcement does not deliver what is required to reassure passengers and tourists using country airports; (b) despite all the bells and whistles announced on 23 August 2004, country airports across Australia will still not have routine passenger screening — the key to ensuring security; (c) the Federal Government also failed to speak to state police forces about how their new SWAT teams will link in with police or speak to them about airport security, despite it being state police who are the first to respond to any emergencies at airports; and queries what it will take for the Federal Government to live up to its rhetoric and provide appropriate security at regional airports.
- 438 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for committing only \$1,200 for every megalitre of water saved by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, compared with \$10,000 per megalitre saved, paid to assist city people to buy dishwashers, washing machines and rainwater tanks.
- 439 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$22.6 million for the construction of Palmers Road between Dunnings Road and the Princes Freeway, Point Cook, including a connection over the Freeway, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and improve access to Point Cook, but will also improve road safety for the residents.
- 440 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for proposing to situate the toxic waste dump at Nowingi, where there are no water and sewerage services available, a situation which goes against the Government's own published assessment factors for judging the merits of a toxic waste dump site, and which raises serious questions about the transportation of water to the site and the removal of toxic truck wash-down water and sewerage from this geographically remote location.
- 441 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his blatant disregard of the environment, in allowing his Government to clear at least 100 hectares of important Mallee vegetation which provides important habitat for endangered species such as the Malleefowl, Mallee emu-wren, black-eared miner, regent parrot and red-lobed whistler for a toxic waste dump.
- 442 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.1 million for the duplication of Mickleham Road between Alanbrae Terrace and Barrymore Road, Attwood, noting that the funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Attwood and those people who drive through the area.
- 443 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this city-centric Labor Government for not providing enough funds to ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs in rural and regional Victorian communities.
- 444 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House notes the dramatic decline in business expenditure on research and development since the election of the Howard Government and in

particular that this decline will eventually cause a dramatic decline in all Victorian living standards.

- 445 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its placing of a toxic waste dump in the immediate vicinity of the internationally recognised Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and within an important habitat corridor between the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Sunset National Park.
- 446 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$14 million for the duplication of Plenty Road between Centenary Drive and Bethany Court, South Morang, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of South Morang and the people who drive through this area.
- 447 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend more than 40 community groups from across Melbourne at a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 June 2004, protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and the adverse effects of that policy on the amenity of Melbourne suburbs.
- 448 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its lack of security at our ports whereby only three in every 1,000 containers coming into Australian ports are checked by the Commonwealth and calls on the Federal Government to step up security at ports to prevent illicit drugs and illegal weapons entering the country.
- 449 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the city-centric Labor Government for not supporting preschools, their over-worked volunteer committees of management and their teachers; (b) notes that the first fundamental step in a child's education should be fully funded to ensure the retaining and attraction of the best and brightest graduates into the preschool sector and that preschool education is an important factor in a child's successful primary and secondary education; and (c) supports the Nationals policy and transfers preschool to the Department of Education and Training where it belongs.
- 450 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$15.9 million for the duplication of Cranbourne-Frankston Road between Warrandyte Road and Centre Road, Langwarrin, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Langwarrin and those people who drive through the area.
- 451 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Brandon Park on 12 July 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and its adverse effects on amenity in the area.
- 452 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Government of Australia, under the excellent leadership of Prime Minister John Howard, for establishing a free trade agreement with the United States of America, and calls on the Victorian Government to note that this magnificent achievement will, among its many advantages to Australia, enable exports of dairy products to the USA to increase from \$40 million per year to at least \$95 million per year; and (b) urges the Victorian Government to take urgent action to assist the dairy industry of Victoria take full advantage of this increased market.

- 453 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government over its regional aviation security strategy which falls short of what is needed to ensure appropriate levels of security at regional airports and is piecemeal in its approach and calls on the Federal Government to consult with state police forces about the operation of new security and also to introduce passenger screening, which is the key to ensuring security.
- 454 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House opposes the decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to locate a toxic waste dump at Hattah-Nowingi because — (a) the proposed site is too close to the growing Sunraysia food bowl and hence threatens the vital clean green marketing image of this region; (b) the proposed site is 500 kilometres from Melbourne, the source of this waste, adding significant cost and risk due to the long transport route; and (c) the proposed site is environmentally unsuitable as it is within the Murray-Darling catchment area and is currently home to unique Mallee flora and fauna.
- 455 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House notes that the Howard Government is yet again heading to an election promising a Pakenham bypass and condemns in the strongest terms the Howard Government for its failure to give Victoria its fair share of road funding.
- 456 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a public rally at McMahan Road, Frankston on Sunday 1 August 2004 protesting against the out of centre and out of zone proposal for a bulky goods zone in residential land.
- 457 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its obstructionist approach in not granting telephone intercept powers to the Victorian Ombudsman and calls on the Federal Government to stop playing politics with such a serious issue and give the Ombudsman these powers to assist, rather than obstruct, the State Government's war against crime.
- 458 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to notify the Bass Coast and East Gippsland Shires of her visit to Inverloch on 13 August 2004 and for trying to keep that visit secret from the South Gippsland community.
- 459 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools.
- 460 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for seeking to locate a toxic waste dump within immediate and dangerous proximity to the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 461 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for its leadership on renewable energy and condemns the Howard Federal Government for its absence of leadership on this important issue.
- 462 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Kyneton on 22 August 2004 protesting against the proposed wind farm at Pipers Creek.
- 463 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Government for approving, in June 2004, a \$300,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund towards a pavilion for the hockey field at Berwick Secondary College.

- 464 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern the decision of several major investors in significant horticulture projects in the Mildura Region to put these projects on hold because of the ill considered and illogical decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to put Melbourne's toxic waste at Hattah-Nowingi in the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 465 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House notes the failure of the Howard Federal Government to ensure that adequate adjustments mechanisms are in place for regional Victorian communities that are heavily reliant on the textile clothing and footwear industries whilst at the same time unilaterally reducing tariffs on these products.
- 466 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$26.2 million for the duplication of Somerton Road between Hume Highway and west of the rail line, Somerton, including grade separation over the rail line, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and ease the flow of freight, but will also improve road safety for the residents and businesses of Somerton.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 AUGUST 2004

- 467 ***DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to provide basic public dental services for those in real need in rural Victoria and notes with concern the fact that public dental waiting lists have increased by 50 per cent since 1999 and that waiting times in country Victoria for public dental care on 30 June 2004 were three years and four months, a massive increase since 1999, and that in Sale, Maryborough, Moe and Ballarat patients are forced to wait over four years and in Portland and Warrnambool the wait is over five years.
- 468 ***MR LONEY** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools; (b) congratulates the Minister for Education Services for announcing in June 2004 a \$168,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund toward the expansion of the child care service to students who are also parents at Corio Bay Senior College to support them to return to or remain in school; and (c) notes the Bracks Government's strong commitment to opening up schools to broader community use, a commitment which is being backed up with funds to build facilities across the state.
- 469 ***MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for deliberately misleading this House when he stated in question time on 24 August 2004 that the company SGS gave the faulty speed camera on the Monash Freeway and City Link a clean bill of health when in fact SGS found that the faulty cameras were susceptible to electromagnetic interference capable of producing speed reading errors.
- 470 ***MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for being soft on criminals by allowing mobile phones to be used in prisons and calls for the Federal Government to reverse its position and introduce mobile phone jamming legislation to ensure criminals cannot use mobile phones while in prison.

- 471 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its total failure to deliver public housing to the increasing number of Victorians on the public housing waiting list, which in country Victoria has increased for seven quarters in a row, and by 46.8 per cent over the past four years, noting of particular concern the huge increase in the early housing waiting list across all of Victoria, and the attempt by the Minister for Housing to blame the Federal Government which is to be deplored, particularly when it can be shown that the Bracks Labor Government has delivered little compared to other states and is adding fewer and fewer homes to public housing stock as each year passes.
- 472 ***MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$8.9 million for the duplication of Berwick-Cranbourne (Clyde) Road between Greaves Road and Pound Road, Berwick, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Berwick and the people who drive through this area.
- 473 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to front at a march and a packed public meeting and march in Mitcham on 12 June 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030, its adverse impact on Mitcham and the high rise residential towers for the Mitcham neighbourhood activity centre.
- 474 ***MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.9 million for the duplication of Hallam Road between Hallam Bypass and James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Endeavour Hills and those people who drive through the area.
- 475 ***MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his self interest in relation to the spate of train diversions to and from Spencer Street, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central and Parliament stations, noting that in just one identified period from 18 April to 30 April 2004, only one line on the network escaped diversions resulting in lengthy delays for commuters, that being the Minister's own Epping line to his electorate of Thomstown.
- 476 ***MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and his Liberal mates for their total disregard, lack of respect or tolerance for the express wishes of the Somerville school community, or for the rights and values of the local indigenous community, in their decision for a new school to be constructed in a manner that fully incorporates indigenous culture and heritage whilst also maximising learning and career opportunities for Somerville children, in a blatant and ugly attempt to grab a headline at any cost.
- 477 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services in particular be condemned for their failure to address the crisis in Victoria's kindergartens and recognise the importance of early childhood development to the future of Victoria's children.
- 478 ***MS BUCHANNAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its decision to reverse the previous Liberal government's intent to sell the site for the new Somerville junior secondary college campus, and for working collaboratively with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs in respect of complying with relevant Federal legislation in its negotiations with indigenous stakeholders, and for listening, then acting, on the needs of the Somerville community as expressed by the Somerville community, and not to some grandstanding liberals hijacking this sensitive situation for political gain.

- 479 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Finance for failing to front at a public rally in Treasury Place on 2 August 2004 comprising builders protesting against the adverse and oppressive impacts of the Government's home warranty insurance system.
- 480 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House congratulates John and Pauline Gandel for their donation of a Sefer Torah to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule on 22 August 2004, noting that the Sefer Torah, which is a biblical scroll containing the five books of Moses, and is used for ritual reading in the synagogue, was presented to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule to mark the 70th birthday of John Gandel and thanks the Gandel family for their generosity and says Mazel Tov to John on the occasion of his milestone birthday.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

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- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 June 2003) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (5 June 2003) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (26 August 2003) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (27 August 2003) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 August 2003) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (27 August 2003) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (27 August 2003) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

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- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

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- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).

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- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).

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- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*5 November 2003*) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 November 2003) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

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- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April, 4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from

onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2, 3 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

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- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*6 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*11 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*25 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 97 **LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the

hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

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- 110 **INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 113 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 **WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 115 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 116 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 117 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCING AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to — (a) recognise and respect the qualifications of preschool teachers, their work and the value of preschool education; (b) aim to retain and attract more preschool teachers to tackle teacher shortages (especially in rural areas); and (c) provide appropriate resources to provide salary parity and to fund preschools adequately — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 118 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and

appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 119 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 120 ***IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICES FOR SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Brighton (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to improve train services on the Sandringham line — To be considered (*Ms Asher*).
- 121 ***SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government keeps its promise to the community and urgently commences work on the Somerville Secondary College as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 122 ***POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE — FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL RESOURCES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance, with the funding being in addition to, not in place of existing funding for police resources on the Peninsula and Western Port — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 123 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 124 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House – (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 125 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 126 ***LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 127 ***NORTH ASPENDALE BEACH** — Petition presented by the Member for Carrum (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in conjunction with the City of Kingston, provides expertise and funding to restore and protect the sand dunes and to renourish and secure the beach

at North Aspendale as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of the public and foreshore residents
— To be considered (*Ms Lindell*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2004

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **MAJOR CRIME (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS MONITOR) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).
- 2 **MAJOR CRIME LEGISLATION (OFFICE OF POLICE INTEGRITY) BILL** — Second
reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
- 3 **PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 70

Tuesday 14 September 2004
The Speaker takes the Chair at 2.00 pm

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **MAJOR CRIME LEGISLATION (OFFICE OF POLICE INTEGRITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
- 2 **MAJOR CRIME (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS MONITOR) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 3 **CONSTITUTION (RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 4 **GAMBLING REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 5 **PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES AND SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 6 **WATER INDUSTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Plowman).*
- 7 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 8 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 9 **EVIDENCE (WITNESS IDENTITY PROTECTION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 10 **ABORIGINAL LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Plowman).*

- 11 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 12 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
 - (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;

- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for —
 (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and
 (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a

continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.

- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.

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- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner's Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.

- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers' money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union's 'closed-shop' on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads' computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has

- had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
 - (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;

(q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-

General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.

- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.

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- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community's major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.

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- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.

- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

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- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.

- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.
- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.

- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.

- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government's involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed 'No Tolls' signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the 'No Tolls' bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport's personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government

members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority

submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.

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- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.
- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to

fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.

- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council

President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.

- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government’s decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government’s proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and

expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.

- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...'.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to

the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.

- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and

their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.

- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.

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- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield’s — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.

- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.
- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said 'but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it's um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was

very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here' ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words 'as clearly as possible' whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.

- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says 'occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training'.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria's education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School's bill for \$9,723 and its school council's question 'where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance'.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government's demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.
- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of

local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.

- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site, and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.
- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.

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- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.

- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.
- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.

- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.
- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at

the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.

253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.

254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.

255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —

- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;
 - (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.

- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results
 - (v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;
- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

- 258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.
- 259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:
- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
 - (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
 - (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
 - (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
 - (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
 - (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.
 - (7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.
- 260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gegalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.
- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that ‘the Minister was debating the question’ as the Speaker’s refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire’s continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party’s policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government’s announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.
- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government’s new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting’s resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be

afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.

- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.
- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.

- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.

- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.
- 294 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.

- 297 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.
- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and

(b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.
- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.

- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure ‘percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading’ which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.
- 318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.
- 319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.
- 320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project's cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state's biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

- 321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.
- 322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.
- 323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.
- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.

- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.
- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.

- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that ‘judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government’ and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General’s statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle’s statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes ‘only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management’.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.
- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government’s earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.

- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsen for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.
- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.

- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.
- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that 'many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location' and the school's conclusion that it is in a 'safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard', and supports this school's legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council 'with the Victorian State Government's decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years'; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the 'world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs' and further commends the school for its assessment that 'information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated'.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government's proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.
- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.

- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.
- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.

- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.
- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.
- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.

- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.

- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.
- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.

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- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.
- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.
- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.

- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 **MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 414 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 416 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without

notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 418 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.
- 421 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.
- 423 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, 'entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging', much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that '[we should] hold on to our hats' and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and 'start again' on rural zones.

- 425 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an ‘interest’ in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 **MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated ‘I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government’s tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be’, when at the same time the Attorney-General’s own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 428 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 430 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 432 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

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- 436 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for his lack of dedication to his job as evidenced by only one contribution to the adjournment debate and only two questions without notice in the Autumn 2004 sitting and recommends to the Member that should he be so foolish as to again condemn Members of the Opposition, that he first check to see his own performance in Parliament on these matters is better rather than worse than the Member he seeks to criticise.
- 437 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its piecemeal approach to security at our country airports as — (a) the Howard Government's regional aviation security announcement does not deliver what is required to reassure passengers and tourists using country airports; (b) despite all the bells and whistles announced on 23 August 2004, country airports across Australia will still not have routine passenger screening — the key to ensuring security; (c) the Federal Government also failed to speak to state police forces about how their new SWAT teams will link in with police or speak to them about airport security, despite it being state police who are the first to respond to any emergencies at airports; and queries what it will take for the Federal Government to live up to its rhetoric and provide appropriate security at regional airports.
- 438 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for committing only \$1,200 for every megalitre of water saved by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, compared with \$10,000 per megalitre saved, paid to assist city people to buy dishwashers, washing machines and rainwater tanks.
- 439 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$22.6 million for the construction of Palmers Road between Dunnings Road and the Princes Freeway, Point Cook, including a connection over the Freeway, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and improve access to Point Cook, but will also improve road safety for the residents.
- 440 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for proposing to situate the toxic waste dump at Nowingi, where there are no water and sewerage services available, a situation which goes against the Government's own published assessment factors for judging the merits of a toxic waste dump site, and which raises serious questions

about the transportation of water to the site and the removal of toxic truck wash-down water and sewerage from this geographically remote location.

- 441 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his blatant disregard of the environment, in allowing his Government to clear at least 100 hectares of important Mallee vegetation which provides important habitat for endangered species such as the Malleefowl, Mallee emu-wren, black-eared miner, regent parrot and red-ored whistler for a toxic waste dump.
- 442 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.1 million for the duplication of Mickleham Road between Alanbrae Terrace and Barrymore Road, Attwood, noting that the funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Attwood and those people who drive through the area.
- 443 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this city-centric Labor Government for not providing enough funds to ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs in rural and regional Victorian communities.
- 444 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House notes the dramatic decline in business expenditure on research and development since the election of the Howard Government and in particular that this decline will eventually cause a dramatic decline in all Victorian living standards.
- 445 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its placing of a toxic waste dump in the immediate vicinity of the internationally recognised Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and within an important habitat corridor between the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Sunset National Park.
- 446 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$14 million for the duplication of Plenty Road between Centenary Drive and Bethany Court, South Morang, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of South Morang and the people who drive through this area.
- 447 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend more than 40 community groups from across Melbourne at a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 June 2004, protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and the adverse effects of that policy on the amenity of Melbourne suburbs.
- 448 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its lack of security at our ports whereby only three in every 1,000 containers coming into Australian ports are checked by the Commonwealth and calls on the Federal Government to step up security at ports to prevent illicit drugs and illegal weapons entering the country.
- 449 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the city-centric Labor Government for not supporting preschools, their over-worked volunteer committees of management and their teachers; (b) notes that the first fundamental step in a child's education should be fully funded to ensure the retaining and attraction of the best and brightest graduates into the preschool sector and that preschool education is an important factor in a child's

successful primary and secondary education; and (c) supports the Nationals policy and transfers preschool to the Department of Education and Training where it belongs.

- 450 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$15.9 million for the duplication of Cranbourne-Frankston Road between Warrandyte Road and Centre Road, Langwarrin, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Langwarrin and those people who drive through the area.
- 451 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Brandon Park on 12 July 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and its adverse effects on amenity in the area.
- 452 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Government of Australia, under the excellent leadership of Prime Minister John Howard, for establishing a free trade agreement with the United States of America, and calls on the Victorian Government to note that this magnificent achievement will, among its many advantages to Australia, enable exports of dairy products to the USA to increase from \$40 million per year to at least \$95 million per year; and (b) urges the Victorian Government to take urgent action to assist the dairy industry of Victoria take full advantage of this increased market.
- 453 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government over its regional aviation security strategy which falls short of what is needed to ensure appropriate levels of security at regional airports and is piecemeal in its approach and calls on the Federal Government to consult with state police forces about the operation of new security and also to introduce passenger screening, which is the key to ensuring security.
- 454 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House opposes the decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to locate a toxic waste dump at Hattah-Nowingi because — (a) the proposed site is too close to the growing Sunraysia food bowl and hence threatens the vital clean green marketing image of this region; (b) the proposed site is 500 kilometres from Melbourne, the source of this waste, adding significant cost and risk due to the long transport route; and (c) the proposed site is environmentally unsuitable as it is within the Murray-Darling catchment area and is currently home to unique Mallee flora and fauna.
- 455 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House notes that the Howard Government is yet again heading to an election promising a Pakenham bypass and condemns in the strongest terms the Howard Government for its failure to give Victoria its fair share of road funding.
- 456 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a public rally at McMahan's Road, Frankston on Sunday 1 August 2004 protesting against the out of centre and out of zone proposal for a bulky goods zone in residential land.
- 457 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its obstructionist approach in not granting telephone intercept powers to the Victorian Ombudsman and calls on the Federal Government to stop playing politics with such a serious issue and give the Ombudsman these powers to assist, rather than obstruct, the State Government's war against crime.
- 458 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to notify the Bass Coast and East Gippsland Shires of her visit to Inverloch on 13 August 2004 and for trying to keep that visit secret from the South Gippsland community.

- 459 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools.
- 460 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for seeking to locate a toxic waste dump within immediate and dangerous proximity to the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 461 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for its leadership on renewable energy and condemns the Howard Federal Government for its absence of leadership on this important issue.
- 462 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Kyneton on 22 August 2004 protesting against the proposed wind farm at Pipers Creek.
- 463 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Government for approving, in June 2004, a \$300,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund towards a pavilion for the hockey field at Berwick Secondary College.
- 464 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern the decision of several major investors in significant horticulture projects in the Mildura Region to put these projects on hold because of the ill considered and illogical decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to put Melbourne's toxic waste at Hattah-Nowingi in the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 465 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House notes the failure of the Howard Federal Government to ensure that adequate adjustments mechanisms are in place for regional Victorian communities that are heavily reliant on the textile clothing and footwear industries whilst at the same time unilaterally reducing tariffs on these products.
- 466 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$26.2 million for the duplication of Somerton Road between Hume Highway and west of the rail line, Somerton, including grade separation over the rail line, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and ease the flow of freight, but will also improve road safety for the residents and businesses of Somerton.

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- 467 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to provide basic public dental services for those in real need in rural Victoria and notes with concern the fact that public dental waiting lists have increased by 50 per cent since 1999 and that waiting times in country Victoria for public dental care on 30 June 2004 were three years and four months, a massive increase since 1999, and that in Sale, Maryborough, Moe and Ballarat patients are forced to wait over four years and in Portland and Warrnambool the wait is over five years.
- 468 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools; (b) congratulates the Minister for Education

Services for announcing in June 2004 a \$168,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund toward the expansion of the child care service to students who are also parents at Corio Bay Senior College to support them to return to or remain in school; and (c) notes the Bracks Government's strong commitment to opening up schools to broader community use, a commitment which is being backed up with funds to build facilities across the state.

- 469 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for deliberately misleading this House when he stated in question time on 24 August 2004 that the company SGS gave the faulty speed camera on the Monash Freeway and City Link a clean bill of health when in fact SGS found that the faulty cameras were susceptible to electromagnetic interference capable of producing speed reading errors.
- 470 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for being soft on criminals by allowing mobile phones to be used in prisons and calls for the Federal Government to reverse its position and introduce mobile phone jamming legislation to ensure criminals cannot use mobile phones while in prison.
- 471 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its total failure to deliver public housing to the increasing number of Victorians on the public housing waiting list, which in country Victoria has increased for seven quarters in a row, and by 46.8 per cent over the past four years, noting of particular concern the huge increase in the early housing waiting list across all of Victoria, and the attempt by the Minister for Housing to blame the Federal Government which is to be deplored, particularly when it can be shown that the Bracks Labor Government has delivered little compared to other states and is adding fewer and fewer homes to public housing stock as each year passes.
- 472 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$8.9 million for the duplication of Berwick-Cranbourne (Clyde) Road between Greaves Road and Pound Road, Berwick, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Berwick and the people who drive through this area.
- 473 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to front at a march and a packed public meeting and march in Mitcham on 12 June 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030, its adverse impact on Mitcham and the high rise residential towers for the Mitcham neighbourhood activity centre.
- 474 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.9 million for the duplication of Hallam Road between Hallam Bypass and James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Endeavour Hills and those people who drive through the area.
- 475 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his self interest in relation to the spate of train diversions to and from Spencer Street, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central and Parliament stations, noting that in just one identified period from 18 April to 30 April 2004, only one line on the network escaped diversions resulting in lengthy delays for commuters, that being the Minister's own Epping line to his electorate of Thomstown.
- 476 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and his Liberal mates for their total disregard, lack of respect or tolerance for the express wishes of the Somerville school community, or for the rights and values of the local indigenous community, in

their decision for a new school to be constructed in a manner that fully incorporates indigenous culture and heritage whilst also maximising learning and career opportunities for Somerville children, in a blatant and ugly attempt to grab a headline at any cost.

- 477 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services in particular be condemned for their failure to address the crisis in Victoria's kindergartens and recognise the importance of early childhood development to the future of Victoria's children.
- 478 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its decision to reverse the previous Liberal government's intent to sell the site for the new Somerville junior secondary college campus, and for working collaboratively with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs in respect of complying with relevant Federal legislation in its negotiations with indigenous stakeholders, and for listening, then acting, on the needs of the Somerville community as expressed by the Somerville community, and not to some grandstanding liberals hijacking this sensitive situation for political gain.
- 479 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Finance for failing to front at a public rally in Treasury Place on 2 August 2004 comprising builders protesting against the adverse and oppressive impacts of the Government's home warranty insurance system.
- 480 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House congratulates John and Pauline Gandel for their donation of a Sefer Torah to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule on 22 August 2004, noting that the Sefer Torah, which is a biblical scroll containing the five books of Moses, and is used for ritual reading in the synagogue, was presented to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule to mark the 70th birthday of John Gandel and thanks the Gandel family for their generosity and says Mazel Tov to John on the occasion of his milestone birthday.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 AUGUST 2004

- 481 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his woefully inadequate resourcing of Victoria's parks and reserves, as highlighted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, who showed that Victoria's per head of population funding of parks and reserves is the lowest of all Australian States.
- 482 ***MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her callous description on radio on 14 July 2004 of Lion Garden, a \$2 million social housing project to tackle the problem of youth homelessness in inner Melbourne, as a 'waste of money'.
- 483 ***MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the organisers, product contributors and the volunteers who have made the Mildura Food and Wine Expo a resounding success.
- 484 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its commitment to the 34 siting criteria developed by the bipartisan Hazardous Waste Committee in 2000, which will ensure that the facility is appropriately designed and located.

* New entry.

- 485 ***MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Environment and the Bracks Labor Government for breaking election commitments to a rigorous and up-to-date environmental effects statement process, in that it has failed to release since December 2002 the final report and recommendations of the Environment Assessment Review Committee, allowing important projects such as channel deepening and the toxic waste dump to be subject to a flawed and outdated environmental effects statement process.
- 486 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for the half baked confused and confusing debacle that masqueraded as a rural zone review, and which culminated, after up to eight different versions over two years in the June 2004 announcement of new zones, but with no funding, capability studies, obligation or timetable for their implementation and no connection in the community of any material benefit.
- 487 ***MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House notes that since coming to office in 1999, the Bracks Government has invested an additional \$283 million in social housing initiatives over and above Victoria's obligations under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
- 488 ***MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for releasing the design and options paper for Victoria's long term containment facility, calling for the safest and most highly engineered containment facility for industrial waste in Australia.
- 489 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls upon the Minister for Community Services to fulfil her commitment to the House to advance the gazettal of the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation.
- 490 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for continuing to raise Victoria's international profile by securing the world's first Intelligent Home Show, to be held in Melbourne from 15–17 October 2004.
- 491 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her failure to show up at the Government's announcement on 25 August 2004 of her own admittedly disgraceful decision to approve the Bald Hills wind farm against the wishes of the South Gippsland community.
- 492 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding achievement of the Bracks Government, particularly the Minister for Small Business, in gaining unanimous support from all levels of government in Australia at the recent Small Business Ministerial Council for a resolution ensuring greater coordination between governments in the delivery of services to small businesses.
- 493 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government, and the Minister for Community Services in particular, stand condemned for their failure to live up to their duty of care in relation to the physical health and wellbeing of the residents of Kew Cottages and for putting their financial interests ahead of the interest of those residents of Kew Cottages who are dependant and vulnerable.
- 494 ***MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for taking the people in the Upper Yarra for granted and treating them like fools, for announcing a tiny tokenistic gesture apparently to assist in after hours medical services, noting that these people have been screaming for assistance with health services and now, in an election campaign, the

cynicism felt by the community towards politicians and that the Federal Government has never cared for people in the Upper Yarra and does not care now.

495 ***MR LOCKWOOD** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the efforts of the Bracks Government to grow Victoria's ICT industry by working with the industry to refresh the Government's industry plan; and (b) condemns the Federal Government for abandoning Australia's ICT sector by failing to deliver any effective plan to grow this country's ICT industry.

496 ***MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That This House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government, and in particular the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, for her commitment and collaborative approach to providing opportunities for the youth and long term unemployed in the Hastings electorate through the implementation of the Community Jobs program and the Jobs for Youth People program, noting that in the space of less than 12 months this Government has invested in a record 45 employment and training placements in the Hastings region, providing local people and local businesses with access to locally skilled staff that in turn is providing enormous benefits to the local economy and that this Government has acted on its commitment to provide the residents of the Mornington Peninsula with numerous and tangible employment opportunities that were way overdue because local liberal members had been lazily ignoring the communities they were supposed to be serving.

497 ***MS MORAND** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the success of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner (SBC), particularly in mediating disputes in a timely and cost effective way; and (b) notes that the Australian Capital Territory has recently announced that a second Small Business Commissioner in Australia will be created there based on the Victorian legislation.

498 ***MR INGRAM** — To move —

That under the powers found in s 33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee —

To inquire, consider and report on:

- (1) The economic strength of regional and rural areas, including whether any areas of rural and regional Victoria are disadvantaged and why.
- (2) The impact of current policies from state and federal governments and what assistance or measures could be undertaken to improve the economy, business productivity, attracting investment and creating competitive advantage in the rural Victoria; and with particular respect to:
 - (a) the current infrastructure of rural and regional areas and whether they are adequate to meet the needs of those communities;
 - (b) the difficulties facing business and local government authorities operating in rural and regional areas;
 - (c) a review of the current legislation, taxation and government policy to ensure that it is equitably administered and delivered across all areas of Victoria;
 - (d) an investigation of the causes for the large discrepancies of the value of municipal rates and land valuations across the state;

- (e) a review of the grants commission acts performance in its objective of horizontal equalisation;
- (f) a review of the impact of the as of right entitlement provisions contained within the state and federal grants commission acts on funding to local government areas;
- (g) the funding of road and rail infrastructure and services across the state; and
- (h) solutions to any identified inequities.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 June 2003*) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*5 June 2003*) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).

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- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (28 August 2003) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (16 September 2003) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (16 September 2003) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (16 September 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (16 September 2003) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (17 September 2003) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (17 and 18 September 2003) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (17 September 2003) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (18 September 2003) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS**— Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).

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- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*18 and 26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*20 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 November 2003*) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed

until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).

- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April, 4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).

- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (21 April and 24 August 2004) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2, 3 June and 24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).

- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*6 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*11 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*25 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 97 ***LAND TAXES ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May and 26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the

hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).

- 110 **INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June and 26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 113 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 **WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 115 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 116 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 117 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCING AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to — (a) recognise and respect the qualifications of preschool teachers, their work and the value of preschool education; (b) aim to retain and attract more preschool teachers to tackle teacher shortages (especially in rural areas); and (c) provide appropriate resources to provide salary parity and to fund preschools adequately — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 118 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and

appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 119 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 120 ***IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICES FOR SANDRINGHAM LINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Brighton (25 and 26 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to improve train services on the Sandringham line — To be considered (*Ms Asher*).
- 121 **SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government keeps its promise to the community and urgently commences work on the Somerville Secondary College as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 122 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE — FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL RESOURCES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance, with the funding being in addition to, not in place of existing funding for police resources on the Peninsula and Western Port — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 123 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 124 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House – (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 125 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 126 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 127 **NORTH ASPENDALE BEACH** — Petition presented by the Member for Carrum (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in conjunction with the City of Kingston, provides expertise and funding to restore and protect the sand dunes and to renourish and secure the beach

at North Aspendale as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of the public and foreshore residents — To be considered (*Ms Lindell*).

128 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** —

Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Powell*).

129 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** —

Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

JUDY MADDIGAN
Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER AND ACTING SPEAKERS

DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 71

Wednesday 15 September 2004

The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

STATEMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Under SO 41*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **MAJOR CRIME LEGISLATION (OFFICE OF POLICE INTEGRITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
- 2 **MAJOR CRIME (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS MONITOR) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 3 **EVIDENCE (WITNESS IDENTITY PROTECTION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 4 **CONSTITUTION (RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 5 **ABORIGINAL LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Plowman).*
- 6 ***STATE SPORT CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 7 ***LIMITATION OF ACTIONS (ADVERSE POSSESSION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 8 ***TEACHING SERVICE (CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 9 ***PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.

* New entry.

- 10 ***DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS (VICTORIA) ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 11 ***DANGEROUS GOODS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 12 ***CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (AGE JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 13 ***PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (GENERAL AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 14 ***STATE TAXATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 15 ***PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading.
- 16 ***ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 17 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 18 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 19 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 20 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment

and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;

- (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
- (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;
- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
- (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
- (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
- (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
- (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
- (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
- (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
- (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
- (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
- (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the

Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.

- 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
- 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust
- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria's precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT's reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT's operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.

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- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria's expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State's Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.
- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, The this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.

- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.
- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads’ computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and

- practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;

- (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
- (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
- (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;
- (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
- (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.

- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.
- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.

- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: ‘it is important that workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.
- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.

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- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.
- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking

track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.

- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.
- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the

outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety

and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.

- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.
- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia’s mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government,

the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.

- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.

- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.
- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government’s involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed ‘No Tolls’ signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the ‘No Tolls’ bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport’s personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier’s outrageous ‘Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries’ that they are now required

by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these

Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.

- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.
- 124 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a

hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.

- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.

- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.
- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.

- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government's decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.
- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by

capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system ‘anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident’; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says ‘the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of

a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.

- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.
- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this

school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today’s environment ...’.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say ‘it is the Department’s ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities’.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that ‘Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one “injury” that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools’.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school’s annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say ‘that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools’.

- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.
- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said 'this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...'.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make 'an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools'; and '... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...'.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said 'to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial "incentives" which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day'.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.

- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.
- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.

- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government's secret \$207 million slush fund.
- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield's — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.

- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said ‘but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it’s um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here’ ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words ‘as clearly as possible’ whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says ‘occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training’.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria’s education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School’s bill for \$9,723 and its school council’s question ‘where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance’.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government’s demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.

- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site,

and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.

- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under

funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.

- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Hihett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.

- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.

- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.
- 254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.
- 255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;

- (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results

(v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;

- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State

expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.

(7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

- 260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

- 261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gegalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.
- 262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.
- 263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that 'the Minister was debating the question' as the Speaker's refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

- 264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.
- 265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire's continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.
- 266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party's policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government's announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to

abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.

- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government's new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting's resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.

- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.

- 294 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.

- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that

under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.

- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to

the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.

318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.

319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.

320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.

322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.

323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.

- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the

Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.

- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.

- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.

- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.

- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.

- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and

misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.

- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.

- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.

- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.
- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.

- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 **MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 414 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two

contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 416 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.
- 421 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.

- 423 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, ‘entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging’, much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that ‘[we should] hold on to our hats’ and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and ‘start again’ on rural zones.
- 425 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an ‘interest’ in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 **MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated ‘I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government’s tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be’, when at the same time the Attorney-General’s own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 428 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to

policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 430 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 24 AUGUST 2004

- 436 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for his lack of dedication to his job as evidenced by only one contribution to the adjournment debate and only two questions without notice in the Autumn 2004 sitting and recommends to the Member that should he be so foolish as to again condemn Members of the Opposition, that he first check to see his own performance in Parliament on these matters is better rather than worse than the Member he seeks to criticise.
- 437 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its piecemeal approach to security at our country airports as — (a) the Howard Government's regional aviation security announcement does not deliver what is required to reassure passengers and tourists using country airports; (b) despite all the bells and whistles announced on 23 August 2004, country airports across Australia will still not have routine passenger screening — the key to ensuring security; (c) the Federal Government also failed to speak to state police forces about how their new SWAT teams will link in with police or speak to them about airport security, despite it being state police who are the first to respond to any emergencies at airports; and queries what it will take for the Federal Government to live up to its rhetoric and provide appropriate security at regional airports.

- 438 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for committing only \$1,200 for every megalitre of water saved by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, compared with \$10,000 per megalitre saved, paid to assist city people to buy dishwashers, washing machines and rainwater tanks.
- 439 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$22.6 million for the construction of Palmers Road between Dunnings Road and the Princes Freeway, Point Cook, including a connection over the Freeway, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and improve access to Point Cook, but will also improve road safety for the residents.
- 440 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for proposing to situate the toxic waste dump at Nowingi, where there are no water and sewerage services available, a situation which goes against the Government's own published assessment factors for judging the merits of a toxic waste dump site, and which raises serious questions about the transportation of water to the site and the removal of toxic truck wash-down water and sewerage from this geographically remote location.
- 441 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his blatant disregard of the environment, in allowing his Government to clear at least 100 hectares of important Mallee vegetation which provides important habitat for endangered species such as the Malleefowl, Mallee emu-wren, black-eared miner, regent parrot and red-ored whistler for a toxic waste dump.
- 442 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.1 million for the duplication of Mickleham Road between Alanbrae Terrace and Barrymore Road, Attwood, noting that the funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Attwood and those people who drive through the area.
- 443 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this city-centric Labor Government for not providing enough funds to ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs in rural and regional Victorian communities.
- 444 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House notes the dramatic decline in business expenditure on research and development since the election of the Howard Government and in particular that this decline will eventually cause a dramatic decline in all Victorian living standards.
- 445 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its placing of a toxic waste dump in the immediate vicinity of the internationally recognised Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and within an important habitat corridor between the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Sunset National Park.
- 446 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$14 million for the duplication of Plenty Road between Centenary Drive and Bethany Court, South Morang, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of South Morang and the people who drive through this area.

- 447 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend more than 40 community groups from across Melbourne at a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 June 2004, protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and the adverse effects of that policy on the amenity of Melbourne suburbs.
- 448 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its lack of security at our ports whereby only three in every 1,000 containers coming into Australian ports are checked by the Commonwealth and calls on the Federal Government to step up security at ports to prevent illicit drugs and illegal weapons entering the country.
- 449 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the city-centric Labor Government for not supporting preschools, their over-worked volunteer committees of management and their teachers; (b) notes that the first fundamental step in a child's education should be fully funded to ensure the retaining and attraction of the best and brightest graduates into the preschool sector and that preschool education is an important factor in a child's successful primary and secondary education; and (c) supports the Nationals policy and transfers preschool to the Department of Education and Training where it belongs.
- 450 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$15.9 million for the duplication of Cranbourne-Frankston Road between Warrandyte Road and Centre Road, Langwarrin, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Langwarrin and those people who drive through the area.
- 451 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Brandon Park on 12 July 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and its adverse effects on amenity in the area.
- 452 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Government of Australia, under the excellent leadership of Prime Minister John Howard, for establishing a free trade agreement with the United States of America, and calls on the Victorian Government to note that this magnificent achievement will, among its many advantages to Australia, enable exports of dairy products to the USA to increase from \$40 million per year to at least \$95 million per year; and (b) urges the Victorian Government to take urgent action to assist the dairy industry of Victoria take full advantage of this increased market.
- 453 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government over its regional aviation security strategy which falls short of what is needed to ensure appropriate levels of security at regional airports and is piecemeal in its approach and calls on the Federal Government to consult with state police forces about the operation of new security and also to introduce passenger screening, which is the key to ensuring security.
- 454 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House opposes the decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to locate a toxic waste dump at Hattah-Nowingi because — (a) the proposed site is too close to the growing Sunraysia food bowl and hence threatens the vital clean green marketing image of this region; (b) the proposed site is 500 kilometres from Melbourne, the source of this waste, adding significant cost and risk due to the long transport route; and (c) the proposed site is environmentally unsuitable as it is within the Murray-Darling catchment area and is currently home to unique Mallee flora and fauna.

- 455 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House notes that the Howard Government is yet again heading to an election promising a Pakenham bypass and condemns in the strongest terms the Howard Government for its failure to give Victoria its fair share of road funding.
- 456 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a public rally at McMahan's Road, Frankston on Sunday 1 August 2004 protesting against the out of centre and out of zone proposal for a bulky goods zone in residential land.
- 457 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its obstructionist approach in not granting telephone intercept powers to the Victorian Ombudsman and calls on the Federal Government to stop playing politics with such a serious issue and give the Ombudsman these powers to assist, rather than obstruct, the State Government's war against crime.
- 458 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to notify the Bass Coast and East Gippsland Shires of her visit to Inverloch on 13 August 2004 and for trying to keep that visit secret from the South Gippsland community.
- 459 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools.
- 460 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for seeking to locate a toxic waste dump within immediate and dangerous proximity to the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 461 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for its leadership on renewable energy and condemns the Howard Federal Government for its absence of leadership on this important issue.
- 462 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Kyneton on 22 August 2004 protesting against the proposed wind farm at Pipers Creek.
- 463 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Government for approving, in June 2004, a \$300,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund towards a pavilion for the hockey field at Berwick Secondary College.
- 464 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern the decision of several major investors in significant horticulture projects in the Mildura Region to put these projects on hold because of the ill considered and illogical decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to put Melbourne's toxic waste at Hattah-Nowingi in the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 465 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House notes the failure of the Howard Federal Government to ensure that adequate adjustments mechanisms are in place for regional Victorian communities that are heavily reliant on the textile clothing and footwear industries whilst at the same time unilaterally reducing tariffs on these products.
- 466 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$26.2 million for the duplication of Somerton Road between Hume Highway and west of the rail line, Somerton, including grade separation over the rail line, noting that this funding

will not only reduce traffic congestion and ease the flow of freight, but will also improve road safety for the residents and businesses of Somerton.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 AUGUST 2004

- 467 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to provide basic public dental services for those in real need in rural Victoria and notes with concern the fact that public dental waiting lists have increased by 50 per cent since 1999 and that waiting times in country Victoria for public dental care on 30 June 2004 were three years and four months, a massive increase since 1999, and that in Sale, Maryborough, Moe and Ballarat patients are forced to wait over four years and in Portland and Warrnambool the wait is over five years.
- 468 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools; (b) congratulates the Minister for Education Services for announcing in June 2004 a \$168,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund toward the expansion of the child care service to students who are also parents at Corio Bay Senior College to support them to return to or remain in school; and (c) notes the Bracks Government's strong commitment to opening up schools to broader community use, a commitment which is being backed up with funds to build facilities across the state.
- 469 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for deliberately misleading this House when he stated in question time on 24 August 2004 that the company SGS gave the faulty speed camera on the Monash Freeway and City Link a clean bill of health when in fact SGS found that the faulty cameras were susceptible to electromagnetic interference capable of producing speed reading errors.
- 470 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for being soft on criminals by allowing mobile phones to be used in prisons and calls for the Federal Government to reverse its position and introduce mobile phone jamming legislation to ensure criminals cannot use mobile phones while in prison.
- 471 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its total failure to deliver public housing to the increasing number of Victorians on the public housing waiting list, which in country Victoria has increased for seven quarters in a row, and by 46.8 per cent over the past four years, noting of particular concern the huge increase in the early housing waiting list across all of Victoria, and the attempt by the Minister for Housing to blame the Federal Government which is to be deplored, particularly when it can be shown that the Bracks Labor Government has delivered little compared to other states and is adding fewer and fewer homes to public housing stock as each year passes.
- 472 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$8.9 million for the duplication of Berwick-Cranbourne (Clyde) Road between Greaves Road and Pound Road, Berwick, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Berwick and the people who drive through this area.

- 473 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to front at a march and a packed public meeting and march in Mitcham on 12 June 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030, its adverse impact on Mitcham and the high rise residential towers for the Mitcham neighbourhood activity centre.
- 474 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.9 million for the duplication of Hallam Road between Hallam Bypass and James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Endeavour Hills and those people who drive through the area.
- 475 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his self interest in relation to the spate of train diversions to and from Spencer Street, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central and Parliament stations, noting that in just one identified period from 18 April to 30 April 2004, only one line on the network escaped diversions resulting in lengthy delays for commuters, that being the Minister's own Epping line to his electorate of Thomstown.
- 476 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and his Liberal mates for their total disregard, lack of respect or tolerance for the express wishes of the Somerville school community, or for the rights and values of the local indigenous community, in their decision for a new school to be constructed in a manner that fully incorporates indigenous culture and heritage whilst also maximising learning and career opportunities for Somerville children, in a blatant and ugly attempt to grab a headline at any cost.
- 477 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services in particular be condemned for their failure to address the crisis in Victoria's kindergartens and recognise the importance of early childhood development to the future of Victoria's children.
- 478 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its decision to reverse the previous Liberal government's intent to sell the site for the new Somerville junior secondary college campus, and for working collaboratively with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs in respect of complying with relevant Federal legislation in its negotiations with indigenous stakeholders, and for listening, then acting, on the needs of the Somerville community as expressed by the Somerville community, and not to some grandstanding liberals hijacking this sensitive situation for political gain.
- 479 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Finance for failing to front at a public rally in Treasury Place on 2 August 2004 comprising builders protesting against the adverse and oppressive impacts of the Government's home warranty insurance system.
- 480 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House congratulates John and Pauline Gandel for their donation of a Sefer Torah to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule on 22 August 2004, noting that the Sefer Torah, which is a biblical scroll containing the five books of Moses, and is used for ritual reading in the synagogue, was presented to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule to mark the 70th birthday of John Gandel and thanks the Gandel family for their generosity and says Mazel Tov to John on the occasion of his milestone birthday.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 AUGUST 2004

- 481 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his woefully inadequate resourcing of Victoria's parks and reserves, as highlighted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, who showed that Victoria's per head of population funding of parks and reserves is the lowest of all Australian States.
- 482 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her callous description on radio on 14 July 2004 of Lion Garden, a \$2 million social housing project to tackle the problem of youth homelessness in inner Melbourne, as a 'waste of money'.
- 483 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the organisers, product contributors and the volunteers who have made the Mildura Food and Wine Expo a resounding success.
- 484 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its commitment to the 34 siting criteria developed by the bipartisan Hazardous Waste Committee in 2000, which will ensure that the facility is appropriately designed and located.
- 485 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Environment and the Bracks Labor Government for breaking election commitments to a rigorous and up-to-date environmental effects statement process, in that it has failed to release since December 2002 the final report and recommendations of the Environment Assessment Review Committee, allowing important projects such as channel deepening and the toxic waste dump to be subject to a flawed and outdated environmental effects statement process.
- 486 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for the half baked confused and confusing debacle that masqueraded as a rural zone review, and which culminated, after up to eight different versions over two years in the June 2004 announcement of new zones, but with no funding, capability studies, obligation or timetable for their implementation and no connection in the community of any material benefit.
- 487 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House notes that since coming to office in 1999, the Bracks Government has invested an additional \$283 million in social housing initiatives over and above Victoria's obligations under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
- 488 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for releasing the design and options paper for Victoria's long term containment facility, calling for the safest and most highly engineered containment facility for industrial waste in Australia.
- 489 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls upon the Minister for Community Services to fulfil her commitment to the House to advance the gazettal of the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation.
- 490 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for continuing to raise Victoria's international profile by securing the world's first Intelligent Home Show, to be held in Melbourne from 15–17 October 2004.
- 491 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her failure to show up at the Government's announcement on 25 August 2004 of her own admittedly disgraceful decision to approve the Bald Hills wind farm against the wishes of the South Gippsland community.

- 492 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding achievement of the Bracks Government, particularly the Minister for Small Business, in gaining unanimous support from all levels of government in Australia at the recent Small Business Ministerial Council for a resolution ensuring greater coordination between governments in the delivery of services to small businesses.
- 493 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government, and the Minister for Community Services in particular, stand condemned for their failure to live up to their duty of care in relation to the physical health and wellbeing of the residents of Kew Cottages and for putting their financial interests ahead of the interest of those residents of Kew Cottages who are dependant and vulnerable.
- 494 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for taking the people in the Upper Yarra for granted and treating them like fools, for announcing a tiny tokenistic gesture apparently to assist in after hours medical services, noting that these people have been screaming for assistance with health services and now, in an election campaign, the cynicism felt by the community towards politicians and that the Federal Government has never cared for people in the Upper Yarra and does not care now.
- 495 **MR LOCKWOOD** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the efforts of the Bracks Government to grow Victoria's ICT industry by working with the industry to refresh the Government's industry plan; and (b) condemns the Federal Government for abandoning Australia's ICT sector by failing to deliver any effective plan to grow this country's ICT industry.
- 496 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That This House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government, and in particular the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, for her commitment and collaborative approach to providing opportunities for the youth and long term unemployed in the Hastings electorate through the implementation of the Community Jobs program and the Jobs for Youth People program, noting that in the space of less than 12 months this Government has invested in a record 45 employment and training placements in the Hastings region, providing local people and local businesses with access to locally skilled staff that in turn is providing enormous benefits to the local economy and that this Government has acted on its commitment to provide the residents of the Mornington Peninsula with numerous and tangible employment opportunities that were way overdue because local liberal members had been lazily ignoring the communities they were supposed to be serving.
- 497 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the success of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner (SBC), particularly in mediating disputes in a timely and cost effective way; and (b) notes that the Australian Capital Territory has recently announced that a second Small Business Commissioner in Australia will be created there based on the Victorian legislation.
- 498 **MR INGRAM** — To move —
 That under the powers found in s 33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee —
 To inquire, consider and report on:
 (1) The economic strength of regional and rural areas, including whether any areas of rural and regional Victoria are disadvantaged and why.

- (2) The impact of current policies from state and federal governments and what assistance or measures could be undertaken to improve the economy, business productivity, attracting investment and creating competitive advantage in the rural Victoria; and with particular respect to:
- (a) the current infrastructure of rural and regional areas and whether they are adequate to meet the needs of those communities;
 - (b) the difficulties facing business and local government authorities operating in rural and regional areas;
 - (c) a review of the current legislation, taxation and government policy to ensure that it is equitably administered and delivered across all areas of Victoria;
 - (d) an investigation of the causes for the large discrepancies of the value of municipal rates and land valuations across the state;
 - (e) a review of the grants commission acts performance in its objective of horizontal equalisation;
 - (f) a review of the impact of the as of right entitlement provisions contained within the state and federal grants commission acts on funding to local government areas;
 - (g) the funding of road and rail infrastructure and services across the state; and
 - (h) solutions to any identified inequities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2004

- 499 ***MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, five councils will be stripped of at least \$905,132 including — Ballarat City Council \$223,711; Golden Plains Shire \$163,344; Hepburn Shire Council \$162,253; Macedon Ranges Shire Council \$183,347; and Moorabool Shire Council \$172,077.
- 500 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her total failure to act to stop the approval of high rise residential towers in a Neighbourhood Activity Centre in Mitcham, despite her own claim that the proposal was not consistent with Melbourne 2030.
- 501 ***MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds

promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate Ballarat City Council will be stripped of at least \$223,711.

- 502 ***MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Water for not attending, or sending any of his advisors to a public meeting of 800 people in Shepparton, organised by the Northern Victorian Irrigators Group; had the Minister attended, he would have heard their concerns about the impact the Bracks Government's White Paper on Water would have on the region.
- 503 ***MR LOCKWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$517,002 including Knox City Council \$279,818 and Maroondah City Council \$237,689.
- 504 ***MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government on its repeated broken promise to open a secondary college in Somerville in 2005 and notes the compliance of the Member for Hastings and the Minister for Westernport Province in this disgraceful, drawn out and dishonest issue.
- 505 ***MS NEVILLE** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$474,993 including Greater Geelong City Council \$322,158 and Borough of Queenscliffe \$152,835.
- 506 ***MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Deputy Premier for deliberately misleading the public of Victoria over the source of funding for the Wimmera Mallee pipeline project by the Federal Government.
- 507 ***MR HUDSON** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$524,885 including Glen Eira City Council \$257,205 and Kingston City Council \$267,680.

- 508 ***MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Coalition on its commitment of \$167 million to fund the Federal Government's one third share of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline project, and we call on the State Labor Government to increase its funding to meet its share of one third to make this project affordable for the western Victorian community; and we also call on Federal Labor to match the commitment given by the Federal Coalition to the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline as this project will reap tremendous social, environmental and economic benefits for western Victoria.
- 509 ***MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, Moreland City Council will be stripped of at least \$268,556.
- 510 ***MRS POWELL** — To move, That the Premier urgently meet with a deputation of irrigators from the Goulburn Valley to discuss water pricing and other concerns they have about the Government's water reforms; and the farmers believe these reforms will threaten their livelihood and have a grave impact on the whole of Northern Victoria.
- 511 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns The Hon J Howard, MP and The Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how The Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, three councils will be stripped of at least \$856,360 including Boroondara City Council \$287,338; Monash City Council \$291,530; and Whitehorse City Council \$277,492.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).

- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).
- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*20 May 2003*) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 June 2003*) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*4 June 2003*) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*5 June 2003*) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*26 August 2003*) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to

the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*27 August 2003*) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (17 September 2003) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (17 and 18 September 2003) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (17 September 2003) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (18 September 2003) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (18 September 2003) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (18 September 2003) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (18 September 2003) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (18 September 2003) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (7 October 2003) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (7 October 2003) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).

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- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*15 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 October 2003*) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (*16 October 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (*28 October 2003*) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*29 October 2003*) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (*30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*30 October 2003*) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).

- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).
- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (18 and 26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (20 November 2003) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government provides

funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 November 2003) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (31 March 2004) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 **CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (1 April 2004) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).

- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (1 April 2004) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (21 April and 4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (21 April, 4 May and 24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (21 April and 24 August 2004) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2, 3 June and 24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (21 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (22 April 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be

implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*6 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*11 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*25 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 97 **LAND TAX ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*26 May and 26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

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- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (27 May 2004) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (1 June 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (1 June and 24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (2 June 2004) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction

of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES NEW INCREASE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 110 **INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*3 June and 26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 113 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 **WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*3 June 2004*) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 115 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 116 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for

preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 117 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCING AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to — (a) recognise and respect the qualifications of preschool teachers, their work and the value of preschool education; (b) aim to retain and attract more preschool teachers to tackle teacher shortages (especially in rural areas); and (c) provide appropriate resources to provide salary parity and to fund preschools adequately — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 118 ***LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*24 August and 14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 119 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 120 ***IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICES FOR SANDRINGHAM LINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Brighton (*25, 26 August and 14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to improve train services on the Sandringham line — To be considered (*Ms Asher*).
- 121 **SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government keeps its promise to the community and urgently commences work on the Somerville Secondary College as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 122 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE — FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL RESOURCES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance, with the funding being in addition to, not in place of existing funding for police resources on the Peninsula and Western Port — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 123 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 124 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 125 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House

— (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).

- 126 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 127 **NORTH ASPENDALE BEACH** — Petition presented by the Member for Carrum (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in conjunction with the City of Kingston, provides expertise and funding to restore and protect the sand dunes and to renourish and secure the beach at North Aspendale as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of the public and foreshore residents — To be considered (*Ms Lindell*).
- 128 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Powell*).
- 129 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 130 ***TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN EASTERN AND TULLAMARINE FREEWAYS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the Government — (a) proceeds with planning and construction of a tunnel to link the Eastern and Tullamarine Freeways; and (b) considers other road proposals including tunnelled lanes under Hoddle Street and Punt Road — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 131 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Neville*).
- 132 ***NETTING IN PORT PHILLIP BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes preventative and immediate action to ban netting in Port Phillip Bay and therefore ceasing any further environmental damage — To be considered (*Ms Neville*).
- 133 ***MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls upon the

Minister for Agriculture and the Government to — (a) abandon its plans to move the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market from its current location; and (b) cease any further expensive consultants reports into the proposed relocation — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).

- 134 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 135 ***DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN PP-145, PARISH OR BEECHWORTH** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) calls for a moratorium on any decisions regarding draft development plan PP—145 covering 33 Lot Subdivision of Lot PS329721D and Crown Allotment 9A, Section 1, Parish of Beechworth, Fighting Gully Road, Beechworth until an environmental impact, social and economic study has been completed for this area within the Indigo Shire; and (b) introduces the need for environmental impact studies to be conducted in any new developments within rural Victoria prior to planning approval — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 136 ***TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN EASTERN AND TULLAMARINE FREEWAYS** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the Government — (a) proceeds with planning and construction of a tunnel to link the Eastern and Tullamarine Freeways; and (b) considers other road proposals including tunnelled lanes under Hoddle Street and Punt Road — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

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LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE PAPER — No 72

Thursday 16 September 2004
The Speaker takes the Chair at 9.30 am

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Under SO 40*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **ABORIGINAL LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*
- 2 **MAJOR CRIME (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS MONITOR) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Langdon).*
- 3 **CONSTITUTION (RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
- 4 **STATE SPORT CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 5 **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS (ADVERSE POSSESSION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 6 **TEACHING SERVICE (CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE) BILL** — Second reading.
- 7 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
- 8 **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS (VICTORIA) ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 9 **DANGEROUS GOODS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 10 **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (AGE JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading.
- 11 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (GENERAL AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 12 **STATE TAXATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 13 **PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading.

- 14 **ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- 15 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 16 **MAGISTRATES' COURT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh)*.
- 17 **ROAD AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUNDING** — Petition presented by the Member for Altona (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures that — (a) funding be allocated as a matter of urgency in the 2004/2005 State Budget to — (i) immediately install full signalisation at the junction of Point Cook Road and Central Avenue; (ii) immediately install traffic signals at the Forsyth Road/Princes Freeway Melbourne bound ramp; (iii) upgrade Point Cook Road so that it is safe for use by local traffic; and (iv) commence the Palmers Road extension and interchange; and (b) the recommendations of the VicRoads Laverton/Point Cook: Road and Public Transport Network Study be immediately released — To be considered (*Ms Kosky*).
- 18 **PHARMACY PRACTICE BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Shardey)*.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of ten members be appointed to inquire into and report on all the factors that led to the 2003 bushfires in North East Victoria and Gippsland, to determine the level of severity of those fires and all counter measures that were taken to minimise the damage resulting from those bushfires and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken in the future regarding fire precautions, fire response and fire recovery, and in particular — (i) the adequacy of forest and park management and fire prevention practices; (ii) the adequacy of fire mitigation and suppression practices with particular reference to the effectiveness of fuel reduction burning of the forested areas of the State in reducing the intensity of bushfires; (iii) the impact of intense bushfires on the forest environment; (iv) the maintenance of the diverse ecology of Victoria's forests and National Parks; (v) fire management and response by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Country Fire Authority and any other government or non-government agencies or organisations; (vi) the effectiveness of communication systems, the adequacy of field communication between the control centre and the fire-front and the adequacy of early warning systems; (vii) an analysis of the co-ordination between and logistic support of all organisations involved; (viii) the adequacy and appropriateness of the physical resources available to the agencies and organisations involved; (ix) the timeliness and adequacy of the immediate response to the fires; (x) the impact of the fires on the age distribution of vegetation species in the hardwood forest areas with particular reference to future management of forests and National Parks; and (xi) appropriate relief and recovery measures;
 - (b) five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and five members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) the Committee may send for persons, papers and records;

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- (d) the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) the Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) the Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) six members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee;
 - (h) the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not while either House is actually sitting sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building;
 - (j) the Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) all evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) the Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence;
 - (m) the Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspects of its inquiry;
 - (n) the presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
 - (o) the Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
 - (p) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council; and
 - (q) the Committee be a Committee to which s 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.
- 2 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its plans to sell surplus Department of Defence land at Point Nepean to the highest bidder and calls on the Federal Government to instead transfer Point Nepean to the Victorian Government so that it can remain in public ownership for all Australians to enjoy in perpetuity.
 - 3 **MR HONEYWOOD** —To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to implement its much published open and accountable administration policy, whether it be proposals to gag and guillotine parliamentary debate in this House and another place, deliberate and systematic lengthy delays in the processing of Freedom of Information requests, or refusal of normal departmental briefings to opposition spokespeople, and this is a government that has made an art form out of secrecy in the administration.
 - 4 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House calls on the Federal Government to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of funds distributed under the National Heritage Trust

- 5 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this house condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) failing to consult Victorian communities, in particular Victorian coastal communities, in regard to the establishment of guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities; and (b) failing to adequately protect sensitive areas of Victoria’s precious coastline from the adverse impact of wind energy facilities.
- 6 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for making a completely inadequate offer in the current negotiations for the Commonwealth State Disability Agreement (CSTDA), in particular for — (a) inadequate indexation; (b) a continuation of previously allocated unmet need funds, with no new money for unmet need; and (c) inadequate growth funding of only \$125 million over five years for States and Territories — less than half the rate of growth provided in CSTDA 2.
- 7 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for grossly abusing his ministerial position by wrongfully obtaining confidential Victoria Police information relating to the Liberal Party candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, using this information under parliamentary privilege to damage the reputation of this individual, and subsequently rewarding the police member, who arranged for the provision of the information, with a significant promotion to the role of Director, Crime Prevention Victoria.
- 8 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to adequately fund the higher education sector to ensure a high quality and viable university system, equally accessible to all Australians wherever they live and whatever their income level.
- 9 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to abandon this nonsensical proposal for the establishment of a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs.
- 10 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training on her incredibly late and inconsistent intervention into the financial situation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) when — (a) RMIT’s reputation was suffering from further severe internal problems highlighted by the resignation of the Chancellor Don Mercer; and (b) severe budget cuts were restricting many aspects of RMIT’s operation.
- 11 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to exercise leadership in relation to the management of the nations precious water resources and in particular its failure to adequately support the visionary Wimmera-Mallee pipeline project.
- 12 **MS ASHER** — To move, That House notes with concern the relative loss of confidence within the Victorian manufacturing sector and calls on the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports to ensure that the industrial relations climate surrounding the negotiation of Victoria’s expiring enterprise bargaining agreements does not further undermine confidence.
- 13 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House acknowledges the outstanding cooperative effort of the State’s Emergency Services organisations (the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the State Emergency Services, Victoria Police, and other agencies) which protected many lives, homes and communities during the 2002–03 historic bush fires.

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- 14 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Minister for Community Services be condemned for refusing to make public a report on Victoria's crisis ridden foster care system despite the Foster Care Association of Victoria and the Children's Welfare Association publicly demanding its release.
- 15 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding efforts of the thousands of Victorian volunteer fire fighters and the support of communities and employers during one of the worst fire seasons in the State's history.
- 16 **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House appeals to the Government to introduce a fencing materials grant to all the farmers who lost boundary fencing adjoining the Crown or roadside fencing as a direct result of the fires in North East Victoria and Gippsland or whose fences were destroyed by the building of containment lines or fire breaks.
- 17 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government and the Minister for Immigration for refusing to consider the approximately 1800 East Timorese currently in Australia as special cases which would enable them to remain in Australia, noting that failing to do so condemns these East Timorese to ongoing uncertainty about their future.
- 18 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the repeated making by the Treasurer of the misleading claim that the 2003–04 budgetary situation has deteriorated due to drought and the cost of fighting bushfires, when the principal reasons for the deterioration have been the cost of the ALP's election promises and the inability of the Treasurer and his Government to keep their spending commitments within their own budget estimates.
- 19 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its ongoing disinvestment in public housing over the past 10 years in that Commonwealth funding to Victoria has declined by approximately 30 per cent or by \$90 million in real terms since 1989–90.
- 20 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to establish a special funding arrangement to facilitate State Government assistance for rural municipalities to properly deal with their backlog of maintenance and replacement of local bridges.
- 21 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its approach to the renegotiation of the next Australian Health Care Agreement and calls on the Federal Government to — (a) embrace the objective of achieving equitable access to quality healthcare for all Australians as the core of the next agreement; and (b) provide sufficient funding to Victoria to ensure that our public hospitals are able to fulfil their vital role in providing a universal safety net and the highest quality health care to all Victorians.
- 22 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to immediately open Victorian state game reserves and other appropriate areas of public land to enable feed to be made available as a matter of urgency to live stock which is without fodder because of the fires that have ravaged Victoria.
- 23 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its failure to maintain Medicare as a vibrant, comprehensive, universal public health system with recent data showing a decline in the rate of bulk billing by GPs to 69.6 per cent nationally, with the problem particularly acute in outer metropolitan and rural areas.

- 24 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to ensure the timely tabling of the Victoria Police Annual Report 2001–02, prior to the 2002 state election, and following assurances provided by the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner’s Office that the Annual Report would be tabled on Thursday 31 October 2002.
- 25 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his failure to adequately control kangaroo numbers in Northern Central Victoria.
- 26 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for its hasty decision-making simply to secure short term political benefits that has put the Synchrotron Project in jeopardy and calls upon the Government to — (a) release the business plan for this project; and (b) provide the names of companies that have agreed to invest in this project and their financial commitments.
- 27 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for refusing \$90 million of Commonwealth funds and committing \$77 million of Victorian taxpayers’ money in order to protect the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union’s ‘closed-shop’ on the Melbourne Cricket Ground redevelopment site.
- 28 **MR MULDER** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives the Road Safety Committee a reference to enable the Committee to conduct an inquiry into the integrity of VicRoads’ computer systems that facilitates the registration and licensing of private motor vehicles in Victoria, with particular reference to whether the opportunity for corruption in VicRoads is being minimised.
- 29 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for downgrading Languages Other Than English (LOTE) in our schools and calls upon the Government to guarantee that LOTE remains a key learning area by providing adequate resources to allow schools to offer LOTE in their curriculum.
- 30 **MR RYAN** — To move, That —
- (a) a Joint Select Committee of eight members be appointed to inquire into and report by 1 October 2003 on those bushfires (the fires) which have occurred within Victoria in the period 1 December 2002 to 31 May 2003. The Committee shall examine all relevant issues and furthermore the committee is specifically required — (i) to examine the management practices of relevant government departments over the previous 20 years regarding public land management with specific reference to any and all initiatives dedicated to the prevention and suppression of fires in all forms of Victorian based National Parks and State Reserves (the Reserves); (ii) to examine the degree of fuel reduction burning carried out annually over the last 25 years within the Reserves and to assess the benefits and costs of such activity including reviewing scientific data and practical experience; (iii) to examine the sufficiency of budgetary allocations to those relevant government departments having responsibility for the management of fire prevention and suppression within the Reserves; (iv) to examine the budgetary position of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) taking particular account of the fact that — (A) 77.5 per cent of the CFA budget is provided by the owners of private property who insure; and (B) what effect the costs incurred by the CFA in fighting fires within the Reserves, the prime responsibility for which legislatively rests with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), will have on the budget of the CFA; (v) to inquire into the management and control of the fire fighting operation with particular reference to the level of co-ordination and co-operation between DSE, Parks Victoria, the CFA, the State

- Emergency Services (SES), the Army Reserve, the Red Cross, Local Government and other emergency service providers both public and private; (vi) to examine the current levels and operational capacity of fire fighting equipment available to the CFA and DSE with particular regard to the tanker fleets and aircraft; (vii) to examine the appropriateness of CFA volunteers providing their time *gratis*, or at the expense of their employers, while working alongside DSE personnel being paid at penalty rates during the course of a protracted fire event; (viii) to examine the impact that the reduction in saw log availability by the creation of reserves and the consequent retraction of the sawmilling industry has had and will have on the provision of access tracks and the availability of heavy machinery and personnel to assist in fire control; (ix) to examine whether the provisions of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* were applied unreasonably so as to materially hinder the fire fighting effort; (x) to examine if human action either accidental or malicious caused any of the fires and if the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1958* are sufficient to deal with arson offences; (xi) to examine the mechanisms for informing the public from time to time as to the status of the fires and for providing warnings and emergency advice; (xii) to examine the capacity of private utility providers of essential services such as gas and electricity to maintain and generally administer supply during and after a fire event; (xiii) to examine all aspects of logistics and communications employed by all persons and agencies and to report upon their sufficiency during a fire event; (xiv) to examine the practicality of encouraging all country based public servants to join the CFA; (xv) to examine the incidence and extent of personal injuries suffered by any person during the course of the fires; (xvi) to assess property losses including dwellings, farm buildings, fences and livestock and consider what standing arrangements should be put in place to enable the immediate replacement of such fixed assets and the care and sustenance of livestock following future major fire events; (xvii) to make any recommendations to the Parliament that the committee thinks fit to reduce the incidence and severity of future fire outbreaks especially in years of severe rainfall deficiency;
- (b) Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly and four members shall be appointed by the Legislative Council;
 - (c) The Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records;
 - (d) The Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chair;
 - (e) The Committee shall elect a Deputy Chair to act as Chair at any time when the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Committee;
 - (f) The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a casting vote;
 - (g) Five members of the Committee to be the quorum;
 - (h) The Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public and may otherwise sit in public at any time if it so decides and move from place to place;
 - (i) The Committee shall sit on days on which both Houses do not meet;
 - (j) The Committee shall advertise its terms of reference and call for submissions and all such submissions received by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (k) All evidence taken by the Committee will be treated as public documents unless the Committee otherwise orders;
 - (l) The Committee shall on request make available to any member of the public a copy of any public submission or record of evidence
 - (m) The Committee may commission persons to investigate and report to the Committee on any aspect of the subject matter;

- (n) The presentation of a report or interim report of the Committee shall not be deemed to terminate the Committee's appointment, powers or functions;
- (o) The Committee shall include with any of its reports any minority reports submitted to it by a member or members of the Committee;
- (p) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders or practices of the Assembly and the Council;
- (q) That the Committee be a Committee to which section 51A of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968* applies.

- 31 **MR RYAN** — To move, That in accordance with section 38(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* this House revokes amendment C15 of the Wellington Planning Scheme and Amendment C20 of the Latrobe Planning Scheme.
- 32 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government's plan to increase the number of households in the City of Bayside by 16,000 and vigorously opposes the construction of high rise in the Brighton electorate.
- 33 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for alienating and then allowing the complete development and destruction of community parkland in Malleehen Street, Werribee when this park has for more than 20 years been maintained as parkland including a playground and has provided the only safe and easily accessible public open space for neighbourhood children.
- 34 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his failure to address the serious increase in violent crime in Victoria since 1999 with the latest Victoria Police Crime Statistics revealing that crimes against the person increased by a disturbing 16.8 per cent between 1999–2000 and 2001–02 including homicide up 32.9 per cent, rape up 8.5 per cent, robbery up 10.5 per cent, assault up 26.8 per cent and abduction/kidnap up 14.4 per cent.
- 35 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for his total inaction in failing to address the serious decline in the volunteer membership of the Country Fire Authority with the total number of volunteers down 8,007, or 12.1 per cent since 1999, from 65,992 as at 30 June 1999 to 57, 985 as at 30 June 2002.
- 36 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the union dominated Bracks Labor Government for bowing to pressure from the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Union to declare Easter Sunday a non-trading day and Easter Saturday a public holiday, causing enormous damage to tourism and the economy in communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.
- 37 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House demands the Bracks Labor Government immediately provide funding for the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south west Victoria to save lives and make this region much safer for residents and visitors.
- 38 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for neglecting public dental services in regional and rural Victoria thereby allowing waiting lists and waiting times for vital dental treatment to reach record levels.

- 39 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government's 2030 plan and its impact on residential amenity in the Sandringham electorate.
- 40 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for — (a) failing to keep his unequivocal commitment to the Victorian public to produce his travel diaries from his time as the Federal Member for Kennedy to substantiate his claim that all of the travel he carried out at the expense of the Australian taxpayers during that time was on legitimate Parliamentary business; and (b) abrogating his oath as a minister of the Crown by refusing to fully cooperate with a Federal Police investigation into this matter; and calls upon the Attorney-General to produce those travel diaries immediately for scrutiny, and if he fails to do so to admit that he does not possess them and make immediate arrangements to refund the entire costs of the travel in question to the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 41 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his failure to implement urgent safety improvements at the dangerous intersection of Moorooduc Road and Bentons Road, Moorooduc; and Nepean Highway and Bentons Road, Mornington.
- 42 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for keeping secret his plan to reduce the rail service between Bendigo and Kyneton to a single line operation.
- 43 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the undue pressure he has placed on Victoria Police to raise revenue for the Government by forcing it to move valuable police resources from crime fighting activities which were 500,000 man hours short of target in 2001–02, into road traffic enforcement which was 250,000 man hours over target in 2001–02.
- 44 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for gross abuse of his ministerial position in inappropriately using confidential Victoria Police information relating to an ordinary citizen namely, the Liberal Party Candidate for Yan Yean at the 2002 state election, and using this information under parliamentary privilege to maliciously impugn the reputation of this citizen.
- 45 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for ensuring that the Victoria Police Annual Report was not tabled in Parliament prior to the last state election thereby depriving the Victorian community of the fact that this Government has turned our police force into revenue raisers and prison wardens.
- 46 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for authorising the complete destruction and re-development of community parkland at the site of the former Karingal Park Secondary College in Frankston.
- 47 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Services and the Minister for Planning for failing to ensure the retention of public open space adjacent to the Irabina Special School in Kingloch Parade in Wantirna.
- 48 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to introduce promised legislation to require compulsory police checks on employees and volunteers working with children.
- 49 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for its failure to stop chroming in Department of Human Services funded facilities and for giving tacit approval for chroming through its guidelines on inhalant use which state: 'it is important that

workers take into account the importance of social bonds and the sense of belonging derived from group activities, including when abusing inhalants in a group’.

- 50 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House offers its strong support to those Australian troops serving in the Middle East and in particular those troops who may serve in any hostilities in Iraq; and that this House offers its hopes for such Australian servicemen and women to return safely to Australian shores and receive full recognition for their service in defence of the security and preservation of democracy in Australia and the free world.
- 51 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events, including Chinese New Year festivities held in the City of Melbourne on 2 February 2003.
- 52 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his constant failure to attend important community events, including the Greek community’s major celebration, the Antipodes Festival, on Saturday 22 March 2003.
- 53 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to follow the Commonwealth Government initiative of splitting the legislation regarding embryonic stem cell research into two parts thereby enabling the debate to proceed on the proper bases of a separate consideration of the issue of cloning as a first issue and the further consideration of the merits of embryonic stem cell research as a second issue, a course of action which will inevitably cause many members of Parliament to have to vote against the bill even though they oppose cloning and further that such condemnation extends to the Minister for Health in particular who, in response to criticism of this palpable failure of process on the part of the Government, has apparently offered the lame duck excuse that cloning is already banned in Victoria so that the issue does not arise when she knows or at least she should know that Part 3 of the Health Legislation (Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning) Bill creates a specific offence applicable to any person engaging in human embryonic cloning, makes substantial amendments to existing Victorian law regarding cloning laws and requires consideration in its own right thereby unnecessarily placing all members of this House, including those within her own party, in an impossible position in terms of their consideration of the merits of this highly complex, contentious and challenging legislation.
- 54 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his ongoing failure to attend important community events including the Cultural Diversity Week gala dinner attended by over one thousand people, on Friday 21 March 2003.
- 55 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for blatantly misleading the Victorian community with their complete and utter failure to honour a 1999 state election promise to build, within the first term of a Labor Government, new police stations at Rowville, Endeavour Hills, Maryborough, Gisborne, Moe, Kilmore, Diamond Creek, Eltham, Bellarine Peninsula, Belgrave, Croydon and Preston.
- 56 **MR LANGUILLER** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to appoint a Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for not giving the portfolio the importance and attention it deserves.
- 57 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral destruction by Melbourne Water of some 200 mature trees at Pridmore Park in Hawthorn.

- 58 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Oakleigh for blatant hypocrisy when she attacked the representation of the State Opposition at the Antipodes function on 22 March 2003 when she herself did not bother to attend this same function, the Premier arrived late and stayed for 10 minutes only and her former boss, Mr Simon Crean could not be bothered attending even though Mr Crean and the Member for Oakleigh represent a large number of Greek-Australians in their respective electorates.
- 59 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for in two of the last three years delegating to his most junior backbenchers the Government's official representation at the Emperor of Japan's birthday celebrations, the most important function for the Japanese business and resident community in Victoria and further note that the Premier has yet to be bothered attending this important event thereby offending the Japanese community.
- 60 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for on 1 February 2003 delegating to his most junior backbencher the Government's official representation at the Indian Republic Day official function, the most important function for our large Indian-Australian community thereby offending the Indian community.
- 61 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for failing to recognise and support the Knox community's genuine health needs which require a major tertiary hospital and by their continued refusal to develop the Knox Public Hospital at Wantirna.
- 62 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Greek National Day celebrations held on 23 March 2003 at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 63 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, as Minister for Multicultural Affairs, for not attending the Panepirotic Union dinner held on 1 March 2003.
- 64 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the readiness of the Premier and his senior Ministers to attend expensive fundraising events for the Labor Party while regularly refusing to attend grassroots community functions, especially within Victoria's diverse multicultural communities.
- 65 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for failing to attend a range of multicultural events this year including important occasions for the Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, Greek, Hindu, Cypriot and Dutch communities.
- 66 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its attempted politicisation of the multicultural affairs portfolio, historically treated in this State on a bipartisan basis, and notes that today would be a suitable day to return to that spirit of bipartisanship.
- 67 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to prevent the unilateral closure of a Yarra River walking track in Hawthorn and for failing to assist the City of Boroondara and local residents in working to have the walking track reopened.
- 68 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Warrandyte for his hypocrisy in using members of Victoria's multicultural community for crass political expediency while doing nothing to ensure that the State Opposition has a spokesperson for Multicultural Affairs.

- 69 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to urgently implement changes to assist the building industry secure adequate and affordable building warranty insurance which has placed unreasonable restrictions on business activity and is crippling the State's building industry.
- 70 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Education and Training for secretly initiating a proposed sale of land from Ashwood College in Burwood including a significant wetlands area, for the purpose of a housing development.
- 71 **MS DUNCAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Opposition for promoting logging in National Parks following the recent fires that resulted in the destruction of hundred of thousands of hectares of native forest.
- 72 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House applauds the Minister for the Environment for the announcement that there will be no commercial wood chipping in the Wombat Forest.
- 73 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for introducing the already successful Water Rebate Scheme as an incentive for Victorians to save water at a time that our water resources are at record lows.
- 74 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its shameful act of moving to sell the historic, cultural and nationally significant land at Point Nepean rather than keeping all the land in public hands.
- 75 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his support of the Federal Government's discriminatory decision to sell surplus defence land at Point Nepean and calls on him to persuade the Prime Minister to follow the precedent set in New South Wales where former defence land was gifted to the New South Wales Government.
- 76 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the statements of the Opposition opposing the creation of Otways National Park extending from Anglesea to Cape Otway.
- 77 **MR RYAN** — To move, that this House condemns the Government and the Minister for Major Projects in particular, for failing to disclose to the people of Gippsland the complete details of the proposal to establish a waste treatment facility at Dutson Downs in circumstances where the Government has never conducted an investigation as to the most appropriate location for such a facility and the only reason it is persisting with the development at this site is because the 100 per cent government owned statutory authority, Gippsland Water, refuses to withdraw its application to host this potential menace despite the fact that for a raft of environmental and economic reasons Dutson Downs is patently inappropriate as the host site.
- 78 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House acknowledges the four motions that were moved at the 'no tolling Scoresby Freeway' public meeting last night, namely — (a) that this public meeting moves a motion of no confidence in the Bracks Government; (b) the residents of the outer-east condemn the Bracks Government for breaking their promise to the community and calls on the Bracks Government to immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Eastern and Scoresby) Freeway; (c) that this public meeting calls on all local councils in the Scoresby corridor to aggressively lobby the Victorian Government to honour its promises on the Eastern Extension and Scoresby Freeway otherwise known as the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway and immediately reverse its decision to impose tolls; and (d) people present on behalf of all people in the local area call on the Victorian Opposition to

reaffirm its commitment to building the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway including the Eastern and Scoresby Freeway in line with the agreement jointly signed by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and continue fighting to hold the Bracks Government accountable for their broken promises on this important road.

- 79 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for terminating the State Drought Assistance Package on 7 May 2002 at a point in time when numerous families across rural Victoria are suffering severely as a result of extraordinarily harsh weather conditions with consequent financial loss and emotional stress to a degree they have never before encountered.
- 80 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, against the Minister for Planning, because evidence demonstrates that the Minister for Planning ‘deliberately’ misled this House and the people of Victoria on 6 and 8 May 2003.
- 81 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Tenix and its workforce at the Williamstown dockyards for the ongoing success of the ANZAC frigate program and calls on the State Government to work with Tenix, the Federal Government and the local Williamstown community to assist Tenix to maintain a strong and cost efficient shipbuilding operation at Williamstown.
- 82 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for issuing, on 23 May 2003, without notice, consultation or explanation, a new ministerial order regarding home builders warranty insurance to exempt Government agencies through the Director of Housing from the Government’s own home builders warranty insurance requirements, but leaving private builders to suffer the burden of this rapidly failing and manifestly inadequate and inequitable system.
- 83 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to adequately monitor the impact and consequences of the Government’s home builders warranty insurance system on consumers and builders, in particular inadequate cover, inconsistent eligibility criteria, inequitable demands on builders, high premiums, non-recognition of previous performance, incapacity to tender, enormous time loss and administrative burden and aggregate work limits.
- 84 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Basslink proponents and the Victorian Government for the recent announcement that the professed \$500 million cost of the project has blown out to \$780 million thereby putting the lie to the mantra created by the project developer, National Grid, and accepted by the Victorian Government that the commercial feasibility of the initiative was impossible if the \$70 million cost of undergrounding the Basslink cable within Victoria was to be met by National Grid.
- 85 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for withholding vital maintenance funding from schools again this year, for cutting corners and for politicising the upkeep of school grounds and buildings in Victoria at the cost of certainty, community safety and the proper, efficient forward planning of the educational system, and for presiding over the destruction of a skills and competencies base surrounding the development of the Physical Resource Maintenance System in education, which must be restored.
- 86 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its broken promise to spend \$50 million to fund the purchase of what were in its own words ‘urgently needed’ new relocatable classrooms for Victoria’s schools and for instead paying for expensive

maintenance of seriously outdated portable classrooms which are constructed from asbestos and should be retired.

- 87 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House urges the Victorian Government to immediately alter its windfarm guidelines to ban windfarms from sensitive environmental and coastal locations.
- 88 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House warmly congratulates all those associated with the concept and production of the book *You Are Not Alone* by Sane Australia and, in particular, congratulates Dan Halloran, an extraordinary 15-year-old Victorian whose personal experience dealing with the mental illness of his mother Virginia, and the dedication of his father John, inspired the book — a book which provides the chance for children with a parent or family member with a mental illness to understand and cope just as Dan and his father coped with not only Virginia's mental illness but also her tragic death from cancer last year, following a long problematic diagnosis and treatment regime, the truth of which still awaits resolution by the Minister for Health.
- 89 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its failure to meet the agreed minimum national standard for bandwidth in schools and its failure to adequately plan for and manage broadband services equitably and fairly, so that all of our schools are connected.
- 90 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its continued failure to respond to Questions on Notice and be open and accountable for its acts.
- 91 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its decision to nominate Dutson Downs as a site for further consideration as a soil recycling facility while simultaneously ignoring the advice of its own Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee that any such action must include the conduct of a full environmental effects statement of the site.
- 92 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the two remaining Federal National Party members in Victoria on their decision to abandon the wishes and interests of the people of country Victoria when they voted for the full privatisation of Telstra.
- 93 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Victorian National Party for his support in the Federal sale of Telstra, against the wishes of the people of Victoria.
- 94 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House gives its unequivocal support to the Australian Rugby Union in its campaign to overturn the proposed ban on the singing of *Waltzing Matilda* at the forthcoming World Cup and urges fans, in the great traditions of the song itself, to sing it anyway.
- 95 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House recognises the disgraceful situation that has occurred because of the privatisation of the rail freight network in Victoria and, in particular, the Bairnsdale Stratford line given that, although the line has been upgraded to the originally agreed standard, the private rail company Freight Australia (Rail America) is holding the Government, the community and Victorian taxpayers to ransom by constantly frustrating every effort to ensure the prompt return of the Bairnsdale passenger train and attempting to use the passenger rail projects to gain an advantage from the Government.

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- 96 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the National Party and the Member for Polwarth who are apologists for Freight Australia (Rail America), a company that is holding back the standardisation in the North West Corridor and the return of the passenger service to Bairnsdale.
- 97 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to enact a 12 month moratorium on any further wind farm developments in order that — (a) Local Government authorities can, with the financial support of State Government, develop appropriate landscape overlays to planning schemes; (b) the current wind farm planning guidelines can be amended to provide communities with greater knowledge of local wind farm proposals, greater protection from intrusive developments and greater opportunity to participate in the planning process; and (c) the benefits of wind energy can be evaluated against other forms of renewable and fossil fuel energies to assess the economic, social and environmental benefits of wind generated power.
- 98 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the State Government to guarantee that the proposed development at Burnley Gardens not be called in.
- 99 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House commends the National Party for their submission to the Auslink Greenpaper on the National Land Transport Plan where the following statements were recorded concerning Freight Australia ‘an example is that Victoria’s freight rail network is presently leased to Freight Australia which in practice has generated two problems — (a) a cumbersome access regime which is able to frustrate prospective new entrants and is also draconian in its requirement on Freight Australia in a reporting and conforming process; (b) constant bickering between the Victorian Government and Freight Australia which has stifled investment in rolling stock and line upgrades and standardisation projects; to solve this problem, we would have the Government acquire the existing lease on Victoria’s rail freight network to simplify the rail process and the vexed questions of upgrade and maintenance, thereby returning control to the Victorian Government’.
- 100 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the leaders of all political parties to declare what political donations they have received from private rail companies operating in Victoria.
- 101 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his deliberate avoidance of parliamentary scrutiny in that he proposed enhanced key performance indicators for the previous Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon Rob Hulls, MP, yet upon his own appointment as Minister, he informed the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee that he is not prepared to accept the increased level of parliamentary scrutiny he advocated for the previous Minister.
- 102 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria and condemns the Federal Leader of the Nationals, the Hon John Anderson, MP for his comments accusing those who oppose the full sale of Telstra of spreading lies, misinformation and being scaremongers, when 80 per cent of the constituents of Gippsland East are opposed to the full sale of Telstra; and (b) commends the Federal independent members Mr Peter Andren, MP, Mr Tony Windsor, MP and the Hon Bob Katter, MP for standing firm against any further sale.
- 103 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House — (a) acknowledges the importance of maintaining quality telecommunications to regional Victoria; and (b) commends the Federal Liberal Member for Hume, Mr Alby Schultz, for his strident opposition to the full sale of Telstra and his observation on the National Party when he said, ‘I abhor what the National Party stands for because it compromises itself at every opportunity’.

- 104 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the policy of the Nationals at a Federal and State level that there be no further sale of the remaining public interest in Telstra unless and until appropriate levels of service are provided to rural and regional Australians.
- 105 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Treasurer for — (a) misleading the people of Victoria regarding his and the Bracks Government's involvement in the national Strategic Investment Incentive Program when he claimed that other States and Christmas Island were receiving greater Federal Government hand-outs from this program than Victoria when the truth is that this funding program is based on applications sponsored by State and Territory Governments; and (b) applying for an embarrassingly low number of grants that amount to less than 10 per cent of the total funding applications nationwide.
- 106 **MR RYAN** — To move, That the Standing Orders Committee considers and recommends amendments to the standing orders and /or the sessional orders of this Parliament to facilitate the establishment of a system of mediation of those occasional disputes which may arise between members, such mediation process to be a compulsory precursor to the reference of any such disputes to any other form of determination, on the basis that the introduction of such a system would be entirely in keeping with similar structures that apply in most other community and legal forums, and would represent a practical and a preferable option to alternative avenues such as reference to the Privileges Committee which was never designed or referenced to deal with matters of this nature.
- 107 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House deplores the false claim by the Treasurer in question time yesterday that the former government could never cut payroll tax, when in fact the former government cut payroll tax on three separate occasions with an overall reduction in the rate of tax from 7 per cent to 5¾ per cent, and calls on the Treasurer to correct his statement in accordance with the established practices of the House.
- 108 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Transport for his cowardly and misleading attack on the City of Knox, claiming that the City of Knox were law breakers and had placed 'No Tolls' signs on a declared road network, as since this outrageous claim was made by the Minister in this House, VicRoads have found that the 'No Tolls' bill board was in fact not on the road reserve and the City of Knox had not broken the law; and (b) eagerly awaits the Minister for Transport's personal explanation and full apology to the City of Knox.
- 109 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the comments on the adjournment debate of 28 October 2003 by the Leader of the Upper House in the other place, the Hon John Lenders, when he, in commenting about a recent visit to the electorate office of Bass, stated a number of constituents were pining for the days when the former Member for Gippsland West was their local member, because she did a much better job than the current Member for Bass who they now never see or hear of.
- 110 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

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- 111 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Economic Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 112 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Law Reform Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 113 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Environment and Natural Resources Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 114 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That the Premier urgently gives a reference to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to inquire into whether the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' unduly trespasses upon the rights and freedoms of the Parliament of Victoria or insufficiently subjects the Bracks Government to proper parliamentary scrutiny.
- 115 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Education and Training Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 116 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Family and Community Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.

- 117 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party House Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 118 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Road Safety Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 119 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 120 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 121 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Chair and other Government members of the all-party Public Accounts and Estimates Committee to stand up to the Premier's outrageous 'Guidelines for Submissions and Responses to Inquiries' that they are now required by the politburo Department of Premier and Cabinet to implement, and that these Government members come forward and detail to the House each occasion when independent departmental and statutory authority submissions and advice have been censored, edited or vetoed so as to compromise Government members' responsibilities to this Parliament's independent committee work.
- 122 **MR LANGDON** — To move, That this House congratulates the members of the Library Committee for refusing to play stupid political games.
- 123 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That the Opposition be condemned for not being willing to stand up for anything when it comes to parliamentary committees but being only willing to read out parrot-like.

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- 124 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for doing nothing whilst waiting lists and waiting times for essential public dental services in rural and regional Victoria have significantly increased; and (b) notes, in particular, that the Government has failed to act whilst waiting times for dentures and general dental care have now increased to more than four years in Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton, causing serious pain and suffering to those in need of vital dental care.
- 125 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to endorse the continuation of game hunting and, in particular, duck shooting, as a legitimate sporting activity in Victoria due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to regional areas.
- 126 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to commit to the 2004 duck season due to its cultural significance and economic benefits to Victoria.
- 127 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to protect Melbourne's open space resources and undermining the amenity of that open space including at Royal Park, Jolimont, Kew Cottages, Burnley Gardens, Werribee, Frankston, Bayswater and the Yarra.
- 128 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to respond to the well-presented business plan from the Westvic Helicopter Board by the date promised by Premier Bracks of 30 June 2003; and (b) notes that the south-west remains the only area of rural Victoria not covered by a helicopter rescue service and understands the importance of this service for search and rescue, air ambulance services, fire fighting and police activities, and also recognises the very real life saving benefits of this service.
- 129 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for their silence on the proposed closure of the Swanston Street entrance to Melbourne Central Train Station on the corner of La Trobe Street which will inconvenience thousands of public transport users, disrupt the popular train/tram interchange and force commuters to undertake a circuitous route through the Melbourne Central Shopping centre to access the station.
- 130 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for doing nothing to prevent the practice of Councils rejecting applications for in-ground swimming pools because of their clearly ludicrous and arbitrary contention that the excavation involved would contravene local covenants preventing quarry or mining in metropolitan Melbourne.
- 131 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport and the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to meet its election promise to have the Warrnambool Deakin University Railway Platform built and in operation by November 2003 and notes that to date there has been no work on the site of this promised Deakin Railway Platform.
- 132 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its abject failure to consult local communities and property owners in particular, prior to its recent announcement that locations at Baddaginnie, Pittong and Tiega have been identified as prospective sites for a hazardous waste dump and calls upon the Government to now release all relevant information giving rise to its decision so that appropriate community consultation can take place regarding this critical issue.

- 133 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb the fraud the Government has been aware of since at least 2001, being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the Victorians of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled and the elderly, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 134 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That the Bracks Government, and in particular the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Community Services, be condemned for failing to take appropriate action to curb fraud being perpetrated under the Multi-Purpose Taxi Program and instead punishing the victims of the fraud by introducing appalling changes to the scheme which will decimate benefits for the disabled, and in particular the ethnic disabled, leave them trapped in their homes and deny them their human right to fully participate in society, a right which was supposed to be guaranteed under the Victorian State Disability Plan.
- 135 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide \$1 million, being the State's share of funding for Warrnambool's Brauerander Park Athletics Community and Sporting Development, despite the Premier saying in 2001 that his Government would be happy to contribute towards a three-way partnership involving local, state and federal governments and noting that contributions have already been received from the Federal Government (\$1 million), local government and the local community.
- 136 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for discriminating against regional and rural Victoria in public housing expenditure with only 17.8 per cent of funding for rental acquisitions, 15.7 per cent of funding for improvements and 8.3 per cent of funding for redevelopments allocated to projects in regional and rural Victoria, despite 27 per cent of Victorians living in these areas and a significantly growing public housing waiting list in country areas.
- 137 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for cutting budget funds to homeless assistance programs both last year and this year, by \$12.2 million in 2002–03 from the expected outcome for 2001–02 and by \$18.7 million from the 2002–03 outcome to the 2003–04 target, and its failure to provide crisis accommodation in the Dandenong area promised some three years ago despite the increase reported on 19 November 2003 in Victoria's homeless of 14 per cent, a figure which should provide a wake-up call to a Government which has been big on rhetoric and short on getting the job done.
- 138 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by deliberately setting a staffing budget for the school which will force the school to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Colin Priest, that this is 'deplorable for a Government that had education as a key election promise' and 'this funding crisis is having a negative effect on teacher and student morale'.
- 139 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Primary School by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed experienced staff and cut support programs for students and further condemns him for failing to defend the right to a good education in the state schools of Daylesford.

- 140 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the School Council President, Lisa Courescas, that this Government should ‘rescind this unjust financial imposition on schools’.
- 141 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Thomastown for failing the students of Thomastown West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Thomastown West Primary School.
- 142 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Lorne-Airey’s Inlet P-12 College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the teaching staff at the school and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President, Angus McKenzie, who has said, ‘this school council is disappointed and angry at the Government’s policy of devolving WorkCover premium to schools; we have already endured one bitter disappointment this year when the long awaited building project was not listed for master planning’.
- 143 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause a reduction in the size of the VCE teaching staff at the school and, further, that this House agrees with the Daylesford Secondary College School Council President, Barry Golding, and the Principal, Heather McIntyre, that ‘this policy is an indictment on those who wrote it and those who support it; in the end the losers are our students’.
- 144 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East for failing the students of Daylesford Secondary College by acquiescing to the Bracks Government staffing budget for the school which will force it to shed staff because of a WorkCover penalty imposed by the Minister for Education Services and further condemns him for failing to defend the right of children to a good education in the state school of Daylesford.
- 145 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 19 November 2003 when she used Sessional Order 10 in an impulsive fashion and for her refusal to follow the ruling of Deputy Speaker McGrath recorded in the *Rulings from the Chair*, July 2003, at p 71 which reports as follows ‘the Deputy Speaker drew attention of the House to his concern about continual requests for the withdrawal of words that have, in the past, been used regularly in the cut and thrust of debate. He pointed out that when members decide to take exception to words used in the House, they should be mindful that they do not paint themselves in a corner and so reduce the vocabulary that can be used that future debates will be inhibited and that common sense is needed’ and instead for using the narrowest interpretation of parliamentary practice.
- 146 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for exhibiting far more interest in overseas trips, photographic self-promotion and fancy new pin-striped suits than in the families affected by the Government’s decision to foist a toxic waste dump on farming communities.

- 147 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing for his cavalier and supercilious attitude to Victorians as evidenced by his expenditure of over \$100,000 on advertisements featuring his own photo, his extensive overseas travel and his regal-like insistence that families affected by the Government's proposed toxic waste dump at Tiega drive 1¼ hours to Mildura to see him, rather than the Minister visiting the families themselves and expresses support for Renee Morrish's statement that 'he [the Minister] did not have the guts to come to us — my parents had to go to him in Mildura'.
- 148 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for — (a) doing nothing to prevent the recent but repeated refusal of applications for in-ground swimming pools by VCAT, and the Cities of Glen Eira and Boroondara in particular, on the grounds that excavations for such pools would constitute 'quarrying' and hence be in conflict with old covenants preventing quarrying or mining in metropolitan Melbourne; and (b) forcing residents with applications to expend tens of thousands of dollars pursuing legally difficult applications for covenant removals despite in-ground pools existing in immediately adjacent homes.
- 149 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the uncaring city-centric Bracks Labor Government for its failure to support the provision of a much needed life-saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and notes that this service would have been used on 22 November 2003 to recover and transport to hospital a 15 year old with a broken femur from the isolated sand dunes of the Swan Lake area and that, without this service, this young man had to be physically carried for 4 to 4½ hours across these dunes prior to being placed into an ambulance and taken another hour to hospital.
- 150 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House congratulates the Australian Rugby Union for its exemplary conduct of the 2003 World Cup, Martin Johnson and the English team for their amazing last gasp victory, George Gregan and the Wallabies for their sensational efforts and all other teams, fans and volunteers for their high-spirited, good-hearted support of the heavenly game and this tournament in particular and urges the earliest possible inclusion of a Victorian team in the Super 12 competition, pending a return bout in 2007.
- 151 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management and further, that this House expresses its support for the School Council President of Osborne Primary School Mr Ric Bugg, who has said 'were the school to move to a significant WorkCover disincentive in the future, (potentially through no fault of our own), up to \$10,000 would not be available for the education of our children; we find this totally unacceptable'.
- 152 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port for failing the students of Osborne Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Osborne Primary School.
- 153 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Highvale Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause anxiety for the school and its management insofar as they acknowledge that under this system 'anticipated savings can quickly turn into an actual loss as a result of a serious but unpreventable accident'; and (b) expresses its support for the College Council President, Mr Daryl Lynch, who says 'the Highvale Secondary College Council wishes to express in the strongest terms its opposition to

the imposition of the partial transfer of responsibility for WorkCover to schools in 2004 and asks that this decision be reversed ...; the threat of this WorkCover disincentive arrangement will compromise schools keen to improve conditions through additional local fundraising, as well as creating considerable uncertainty in their budgeting for future expenditure ...’.

- 154 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Labor Government for failing the students of government schools throughout south-west Victoria through the unfair and unjustified imposition of WorkCover penalties of up to \$10,000 on these schools, forcing schools to reduce staff, curriculum programs and/or student services and calls on the Government to act in the best interests of students and state education by rescinding this unjust financial imposition on hard working local schools.
- 155 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for knowingly misleading the House when she said in debate on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary that public submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 were available on the Government website when they are not, and never have been.
- 156 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to provide any legal advice that submissions made on the implementation of Melbourne 2030 could not be made available because of the Privacy Act (as claimed at a briefing on changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) when the request for submissions specifically contemplated public release and legislation and standard practice provides that all submissions to panels are made public.
- 157 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the funding cuts to school sporting bodies which will result in Victorian school children being — (a) deprived of the opportunity to participate in sporting activities which have been identified as the major response to childhood obesity; (b) unable to represent their State in interstate competitions; and (c) disadvantaged at national competitions due to the lack of available sporting carnivals.
- 158 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and further, that this House notes the comment of the school council which states — ‘(a) our school has incurred a premium cost to the school of \$10,000 which will have a considerable impact on the education provided to the children; as this premium will be deducted from the staffing credit component in the school global budget the direct result is there will be less teaching time available; (b) we agree that schools should be prepared to accept responsibility for situations that they believe are within their sphere of management, but in many cases WorkCover liabilities are way beyond our control; and (c) at our school we take the responsibility of providing a safe workplace extremely seriously and have in place a rigorous process of safety inspections including the provision of professional development in voice care’.
- 159 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for failing the students of Coburg West Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Coburg West Primary School.
- 160 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by capriciously imposing a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship

to this small school community whose annual income through fundraising will be absorbed; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Traralgon South Primary School Chris Madsen who commented ‘the school council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students at our school ... we also object to the proposed capping thresholds and methods of calculation; for our school the ‘penalty’ cap is set at \$2,900, yet the ‘incentive’ cap is a mere \$580’.

- 161 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing the students of Traralgon South Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$2,900 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Traralgon South Primary School.
- 162 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls, by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty; and (b) notes the comment of the school that ‘one of the teachers fell over a piece of uneven pavement while on a school excursion; what could we have done to prevent this ... we have recently been awarded the National Literacy Award receiving \$10,000 to strengthen our laudable work in this area; perhaps we should simply redirect the cheque’.
- 163 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Footscray for failing the students of Gilmore College for Girls by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of students and parents of Gilmore College for Girls.
- 164 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to release the Victorian Wind Atlas as promised and for continuing to conceal its contents from stakeholders, particularly local councils and resident groups, when that same Wind Atlas has been made available to the wind industry.
- 165 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Ballan windfarm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 166 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for riding roughshod over local communities and for mistreating correspondence strongly critical of the Government’s decision on the Burnley Gardens development and, indeed, writing back thanking just such a correspondent for his ‘support for the proposed development’.
- 167 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes that experience rating in WorkCover was implemented by the Liberal-National Government to encourage greater management control for injuries and condemns the Member for Doncaster for his back-flip.
- 168 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a WorkCover penalty which will cause great financial hardship to this school whose annual income through fundraising, along with all of its direct educational benefits to the students, will be absorbed by this impost; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President of Greenvale Primary School, Mr Glen Moore, who has said ‘... this will just put more pressure on the school’s ability to deliver its programs which basically means the kids will miss out for what I believe to be a penny pinching exercise by the State Government ... the

Government seems to have little idea of the nature of the work teachers, principals, assistant principals etcetera have in today's environment ...'.

- 169 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Yuroke, the Member for Melbourne North Province; the Minister for Local Government, and Housing, and the Minister for Small Business, and Information and Communication Technology, for failing the students of Greenvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of a WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Greenvale Primary School.
- 170 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management who will have to work hard to preserve the slender \$9 margin keeping them in credit and not deficit this year; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Jim Day, and Principal Claire Wilson, who say 'it is the Department's ultimate responsibility to ensure a safe workplace for their employees ... parents should not have to see their fundraising monies spent on WorkCover premium liabilities'.
- 171 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Bellarine and the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of Drysdale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unfair system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Drysdale Primary School.
- 172 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Cobden Technical School by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, causing the school to review and likely reduce its commitments to school sporting competitions; and (b) expresses its support for the school view that 'Cobden Technical School faces a charge against our school global budget for a WorkCover premium of \$10,000; this is in spite of the fact that one "injury" that has caused an increase in our premium was not one we could have planned for nor guarded against ... Council has concluded that we might well be advised to reduce the level of sporting competition in the school for it was at a school athletics event that the injury referred to above occurred ... was it intended when this policy was drafted to have this impact on schools'.
- 173 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by capriciously imposing an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty which will cause a deficit at the school, an amount equal to the school's annual fundraising budget, that will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in the slashing of school programs, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Phil Cavill, and Vice President Lindsey Harris, who say 'that schools are now made to pay a portion of WorkCover claims is an insinuation that school principals are not properly managing the making of such claims by staff ... WorkCover is a systemic problem and not the responsibility of individual schools'.
- 174 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings and the Member for Western Port Province for failing the students of Langwarrin Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Langwarrin Primary School.

- 175 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a reduction in funding to the tune of \$7,000 this year alone, which would otherwise have benefited the children and their schooling; and (b) expresses its support for the School Council President Lynda Green, who has said ‘this decision affects all the members of the school community, in particular our children ...’.
- 176 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kilsyth and the Labor Member for Silvan Province, for failing the students of Tinternvale Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties, shifting costs onto schools and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Tinternvale Primary School.
- 177 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause a deficit of \$6,670 at the school that will directly impact on the school’s educational priorities; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Julie Van Staeden, and its Principal George Kalandadse, that this Government should make ‘an honest attempt at consultation with a view to investigating how schools and the Department can work together to identify and best manage injury prevention position on schools’; and ‘... if the Government is so keen to lower WorkCover costs and provide a healthy and safe workplace for their staff, then we believe that they should review the Physical Resources Management System (PRMS) program and recommence the payment of maintenance money so that schools can return to the PRMS audited items and have them repaired ...’.
- 178 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Derrimut and the Members for Doutta Galla Province for failing the students of St Albans Heights Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a \$6,670 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of St Albans Heights Primary School.
- 179 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause financial difficulties for the school that ultimately penalise students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Gail Lowe who said ‘to help reduce WorkCover claims, school councils and principals require adequate resources, professional development and professional support, not financial “incentives” which ultimately jeopardise school programs; students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the Government of the day’.
- 180 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Members for Geelong Province for failing the students of North Geelong Secondary College by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of North Geelong Secondary College.
- 181 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his demand that schools with a good work injury management record have their budgets reduced.

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- 182 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for providing misleading information about truancy figures to his local newspaper and forcing his local schools to correct him.
- 183 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being part of a government that, when in office, sacked 9,000 teachers and closed 300 schools.
- 184 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its continued investment in education and for putting an extra \$3.69 billion into schools since October 1999, which includes 4,000 extra teachers and staff plus \$959 million capital works, plus lowered class sizes or numbers.
- 185 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being all puff and no substance in his desire to prevent system improvements to prevent injuries.
- 186 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Party for abandoning any commitment to the long-held policy that work injury prevention needs incentives and disincentives to bring about less injuries and suffering for people and their families.
- 187 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tedious repetition.
- 188 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for the school and its management as well as the wider network of which it forms a part, that will result in the slashing of school programs severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council Secretary, Peter McIver, who says ‘the School Council believes that these changes unfairly impose a financial penalty on schools that ultimately penalises students ... students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Department of Education or the funding policies of the government of the day’.
- 189 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Williamstown and the Members for Melbourne West Province for failing the students of Spotswood Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of a system of WorkCover penalties and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Spotswood Primary School.
- 190 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victoria’s frail elderly and those with disabilities by cutting their access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Scheme whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 191 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his callous attack on Victorian pensioners, students and children by increasing public transport fares by up to 89 per cent whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 192 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to provide vital funding for upgrades of country roads whilst at the same time sitting on a \$207 million secret slush fund.
- 193 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House ferrets out and condemns those responsible for the establishment of the Bracks Labor Government’s secret \$207 million slush fund.

- 194 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House records the fact that the following Tiega families — Bill and Colleen Morrish, Brent Morrish and Melissa Pohlner, Alex and Judy Poole, Graham and Bev Morrish, Walter and Cheryl Munro, Dean and Lyndal Munro, Jarrod and Briony Munro, and Graham and Jean Wakefield's — properties and homes are not for sale under any circumstances.
- 195 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls upon the Government to abandon its plans to consider Tiega as a potential toxic waste storage facility.
- 196 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Prahran electorate, of Ardoch Windsor Secondary College, Hawksburn Primary School and Prahran Secondary College.
- 197 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the failure of the Government to address the need for high priority maintenance of the Survey Control Network, the fundamental cornerstone of Victoria's Land Property system, when that maintenance is estimated to require up to \$70 million and is recommended and supported by the Auditor-General, the Surveyor General, RMIT, and the surveying industry in general, and condemns the Minister for Planning and Land Victoria for rejecting the recommendations in this regard by a review panel established by the previous Minister.
- 198 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes with alarm the annual report of the Surveyor General and in particular the Surveyor General's comments that administrative arrangements undertaken by the Government and the previous Minister which transfer responsibility for the Survey Control Network and the calibration of surveying equipment to Land Victoria's Land Information Group and the transfer of the supervision of the Central Plan Office to the Land Registry, 'continue to not align with legislation' and condemns the Minister for Planning for not acting to overturn these arrangements when, as the Surveyor General reports, 'these arrangements have been reported by the Surveyor General to the Department for four successive years and the anomalies have also been reported to the Parliament by the Auditor-General', and further when he reports that 'there have been no actions undertaken to ensure alignment with legislation'.
- 199 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Narracan electorate, of Eirca Primary School, Neerim East Primary School, Warragul West Primary School, Trafalgar East Primary School and Nilma North Primary School.
- 200 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Box Hill High School by capriciously imposing an \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, an amount that will absorb completely the school's annual budget from its major fundraising evening and which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities, disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council Principal Rob Jenkin who says 'it is particularly demoralising for members of the school community to work hard to raise funds for their school, only to find them removed at the whim of the Department ... the whole scheme is a cynical claw back of funds from school budgets'.

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- 201 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of Murrumbeena Secondary College which has left students in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Glenhuntly areas with no government secondary college in their area.
- 202 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Manufacturing and Export for his insensitivity in foisting a toxic waste dump on rural Victorians and notes his interview on Horsham radio on 12 November 2003 where he said ‘but I can understand ... I spoke to Mr Wakefield this afternoon; um it’s um, I can imagine a very frustrating and surprising process for him, particularly for people who have lived on the land for a long period of time, where the property has been in the family for many generations; um, when I say understand, perhaps I cannot understand because it has not happened to me, but I think it was very important that ministers who are responsible ultimately for making these decisions do ring people directly, speak with them, hear their views and explain as clearly as possible the way the process will work from here’ ... and calls on the Minister to explain, in his own words ‘as clearly as possible’ whether he does or does not understand the anguish he has foisted on these affected communities.
- 203 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure, in the Kilsyth electorate, of Kilsyth East Primary School and Ringwood Primary School.
- 204 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by capriciously imposing \$8,000 WorkCover penalties which will cause anxiety for this small rural school and its management and which may lead to instances of systemic discrimination against teachers who have been injured in a work place, and place unacceptable pressure on principals to influence staff WorkCover claims and processes to an extent that is unfair and unreasonable; and (b) agrees with the words of School Council President, Andrew Joliffe, who says ‘occupational health and safety is clearly a responsibility of the employer, that is the Department of Education and Training’.
- 205 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Ballarat East and the Members for Ballarat Province for failing the students of Newlyn Primary School by acquiescing to the Government’s imposition of an \$8,000 WorkCover penalty and failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Newlyn Primary School.
- 206 **MR CRUTCHFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for sitting on his hands as his Government closed, in his own electorate, Doncaster Heights Primary School, Doncaster East Primary School and Doncaster Park Primary School as part of the Liberal-National Government attack on Victoria’s education system between 1992–1999.
- 207 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for demanding, without warning, schools to pay WorkCover premiums from their global budgets, further it especially notes Dromana Primary School’s bill for \$9,723 and its school council’s question ‘where do you suggest we take this money from — the teaching support area ... or from school maintenance’.
- 208 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Western Port Province for his acquiescence and support of the Government’s demand for \$9,723 from Dromana Primary School when its school council describes the demand as inequitable and not realistic.

- 209 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its outstanding \$959 million investment in new school and TAFE buildings, including the funding of 21 new and replacement schools in its first term, and a commitment to build at least 15 new schools in its second term of Government.
- 210 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to prevent the loss of open space in Metropolitan Melbourne by encouraging open space trading across the Urban Growth Boundary including the transfer of long established community golf courses.
- 211 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for failing to enforce Environment Protection Authority buffer zones in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme by giving planning approval, despite the wishes of local residents and the Council, to a school, namely Mt Hira College, within that buffer zone around areas of hazardous waste collection, thereby establishing a precedent now being exploited by other applicants including for a church at 198 Perry Road, Keysborough, now supported by Council officers, with the extraordinary comment in an officer's report that 'it has now become common knowledge ... that places of worship are not considered to be among land uses that are discouraged in the buffers precinct, as they do not entail large gatherings of people over long periods of time'.
- 212 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House — (a) notes with grave concern the comments of Environment Protection Authority head, Mr Mick Bourke, at a public hearing of the Outer Suburban and Interface Services and Development Committee on Monday 24 November 2003, when he said that Noise Control Guidelines for Windfarms were only guidelines and that detection of breaches would probably require several years of monitoring; and (b) condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment for not ensuring that strict standards of noise control for windfarms are both provided and enforced.
- 213 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 300 schools, including Bulla Primary School in the Yuroke electorate.
- 214 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the highly successful and tireless efforts of Premier Bracks and Treasurer Brumby in attracting investment and jobs to Victoria.
- 215 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Premier in his successful strategy of making Victoria the powerhouse of aviation in the southern hemisphere.
- 216 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House applauds the principled decision of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to stay out of the Chamber and not support the Member for Doncaster when a quorum count was called last evening.
- 217 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing Pimpinio Primary School, Harrow Primary School and the Basin Primary School over the last four years, all in the one electorate of Lowan.
- 218 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Fitzroy Secondary College in the Richmond electorate, despite massive community opposition and a thirteen month community blockade of the site,

and applauds the Bracks Government's decision to renovate and re-open the school in 2004 with a funding allocation of \$6 million.

- 219 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services recognise the urgent need for a major redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to bring its facilities up to the standard required for students and teachers in the twenty-first century and that the Bracks Labor Government provides the necessary capital funding for this redevelopment in the 2004–05 State budget.
- 220 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of the Humffrey Street and Queen Street Primary schools in the electorate of Ballarat West.
- 221 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support in government of the closure of over 170 schools in country Victoria, including the Ripon electorate.
- 222 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the closure of the Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital and community funded hydrotherapy pool funded by community donations.
- 223 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for the incorporation of the WorkCover premiums into the school budgets of Sandringham electorate schools which, in the case of Beaumaris North Primary School, will reduce funds available to be spent on students by approximately \$10,000, when in turn this shortfall can only be made up by increasing voluntary contributions or through increased fund raising by parents.
- 224 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party of Victoria for its complete failure in the youth affairs portfolio, as evidence by the fact that — they had no dedicated youth agency in government; they had no youth policy at the last election; they have no Shadow Minister for Youth Affairs; their spokesman does not turn up to Departmental youth affairs briefing arranged at the spokesman's request, and did not both to turn up at the youth affairs Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's hearings; their spokesman has not asked a single question on youth issues either with or without notice in Parliament all year; and (b) condemns the Liberal Party for showing absolutely no interest in young people in Victoria.
- 225 **MR SMITH** — To move, That this House congratulate the Member for Doncaster for raising the important issue of the Bracks Government stealing the funds of school councils to pay WorkCover premiums to prop up the Bracks Government's poor financial position.
- 226 **MS McTAGGART** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster on his constant scaremongering and his lack of commitment and support for the State education system.
- 227 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Doncaster Secondary College by capriciously imposing a \$10,000 WorkCover penalty, the maximum under the Government's system, that will directly and negatively impact on the school's educational priorities and planning, resulting in programs being slashed and severely disadvantaging Doncaster students.
- 228 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which will cause this small, under

funded rural school to go into ever deeper deficit as a result of ongoing liabilities stemming from a workplace injury sustained three years ago, which will directly impact on the school's educational priorities and result in school programs being slashed, severely disadvantaging students at the school; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Clyde Joachim who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.

- 229 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Member for Central Highlands Province for failing the students of Avenel Primary School by acquiescing to the Government's imposition of an unaffordable WorkCover penalty and for failing to stand up for the rights of the students and parents of Avenel Primary School.
- 230 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for failing the students of Kyabram Secondary College by capriciously imposing a system of WorkCover penalties which creates uncertainty and anxiety for the school and its management and detracts from students' educational opportunities, by requiring schools to build up and set aside thousands of dollars in budget 'just in case' of workplace injury, directly impacting on the school's educational priorities and severely disadvantaging students; and (b) agrees with the School Council President Ian Hamono who says 'Students in the Victorian public education system should not pay for the inadequacies of the Victorian Department of Education, or the funding policies of the government of the day'.
- 231 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House condemns the closure of Highett Primary School during the Kennett Government's assault on education in this State.
- 232 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Bracks Government for compulsorily closing James Harrison High School in Bellarine and at least a further 12 secondary and primary schools across Victoria over the past few years.
- 233 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the closure of Aspendale Technical School in spite of wide spread community opposition.
- 234 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually putting down public education within Victoria, not developing policy, being lazy and being totally unimaginative with his motions on this matter.
- 235 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his support while in government of the removal of funding for casual replacement teachers which saw preparatory students at Beaumaris North Primary School without a replacement teacher when their permanent teacher was taken ill.
- 236 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this Labor Government for not funding hospitals for nurse and health services enterprise bargain agreements, therefore spiralling hospital budgets into deficit and impacting on health services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, noting Victoria is bigger than Melbourne and the excellent Royal Hospital is not the only hospital in financial trouble as highlighted by the Auditor-General's Report on Public Sector Agencies tabled on 26 November 2003.
- 237 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier for his support of the closure of Bonbeach High School by the Cain/Kirner Government.

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- 238 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his tiresome repetition and his scaremongering in relation to WorkCover issues directed at primary schools in the Mount Waverley electorate.
- 239 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the lack of environmental leadership shown by the Minister for Environment in his Government's approval of a toxic gas plant adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 240 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for providing an insignificant \$3.2 million to supposedly clean up the Gippsland Lakes while totally ignoring the ongoing leaching of high levels of arsenic, zinc, mercury and cadmium from mine tailings at Powers Creek into the Tambo River then into the same Gippsland Lakes.
- 241 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House expresses its concern with the Bracks Government's growing obsession with approving toxic waste plants adjacent to or on top of natural waterways, whether it be the contaminated soil recycling facility adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes, two of the three proposed toxic waste sites in Pittong and Baddaginnie being located on floodplains or near wetlands and the toxic gas plant approval adjacent to Corringale Creek which flows into the Snowy River.
- 242 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and Member for Northcote for failing to attend a packed public meeting at All Nations Park on 6 February 2004 protesting against proposals for high rise development in High Street Northcote.
- 243 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall on 15 February 2004 protesting against misuse, sale and alienation of public lands and open space in Victoria.
- 244 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Camberwell Town Hall on 17 February 2004 to protest Government proposals for intensive development of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 245 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Diamond Creek on 25 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 246 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a Municipal Association of Victoria Forum in Melbourne on 26 February 2004 to discuss the adverse impacts of windfarms and the failure of the Minister's Guidelines for the Development of Wind Energy facilities.
- 247 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Rockbank on 27 February 2004 protesting against the Minister's changes to rural and semi-rural zones.
- 248 **DR SYKES** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its secretive and dishonest approach to proposing a toxic waste dump on prime agricultural land, rather than locating it on crown land or land already zoned industrial and located closer to the point of production.

- 249 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government be condemned for its failure to manage the juvenile justice system in a way that preserves the safety of Victorians while guaranteeing the successful rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 250 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should make publicly available the reports resulting from its investigations into the three recent cases where juveniles escaped or absconded from juvenile justice centres and Statewide Forensic Services.
- 251 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Government should immediately make public the terms of reference, time-lines and cost of its latest inquiry, into the juvenile justice system, to be undertaken by Mr Bob Falconer.
- 252 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for consistently refusing to visit the Kyabram Secondary College, firstly to see first hand the excellent outcomes that the students and staff at the College are achieving under difficult circumstances, secondly to discuss with the Principal and principals of primary schools in the area some of the innovative ideas that have been put forward to improve educational services in the Kyabram district, and thirdly to see for themselves the appalling and outdated facilities that the 950 students and staff are compelled to tolerate.
- 253 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for including Violet Town/Baddaginnie as a proposed site for a toxic waste dump without adequate consultation or research into the effects and risks a toxic waste dump would have on the Goulburn Valley which is recognised as the food bowl of Australia, producing about 25 per cent of Victoria's agricultural production.
- 254 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Health to urgently implement changes to the Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES) funding model to reflect the true cost of health service delivery, and thereby assist the many rural and regional hospitals with financial viability and service delivery problems.
- 255 **MR INGRAM** — To move —
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) Whether the implementation of taxpayer funding of elections in Victoria has reduced the reliance of political parties and candidates on large political donations, including the origins and purposes of political donations to Victorian political parties and candidates, including but not limited to:
 - (i) political donations that have been listed in the funding and disclosure returns from the Australian Electoral Commission;
 - (ii) the origins of money paid to organisations, unions, publicly listed companies and other associated entities that have links to political parties or candidates including — John Curtin House; Cormack Foundation; Doogary Pty Ltd; Pilliwinks Pty Ltd; Keilor Civic Group; Keilor Golf Social Club; and The Keilor Environment and Conservation Society.
 - (b) Whether there are any other large donations to Victorian political parties and candidates that have not been declared;
 - (c) Solutions to reduce the reliance of political parties and candidates on political donations;

- (d) Measures to reduce the connection between political donations and other contributions that result in, or could be perceived as:
 - (i) favoured access to ministers, shadow ministers or other persons;
 - (ii) favoured policy or legislative change;
 - (iii) favoured solutions to disputes or other issues;
 - (iv) any other action which is denied to members of the general public.
- (2) That the Committee consist of seven members.
- (3) That the majority of members of the Committee constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- (4) That the Committee shall elect one of its members to be Chairperson who, in the event of an equality of votes will also have a casting vote.
- (5) That the Committee may elect a Deputy Chairperson, who in the absence of the Chairperson, has all the powers and may perform all the duties of the Chairperson.
- (6) That the Committee will not sit while the House is actually sitting except by leave of the House, and may not, while the House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- (7) That the Committee may sit at such times and in such places in Victoria or elsewhere as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- (8) That the Committee may send for persons, documents and other things and report from time to time.
- (9) That The Committee will, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- (10) That the Committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- (11) That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee will be published.
- (12) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders and practices of the House will have effect despite anything contained in the standing orders.

256 **MR RYAN** — To move, That any select committee of the Parliament which is established upon the motion of the Member for Gippsland East to examine taxpayer funding for elections should include within its terms of reference:

- (1) The amounts of money paid to independent members of the Parliament by way of political donations;
- (2) The identity of the donors of such monies;
- (3) The extent of any cash or in kind benefits which have been paid or made available to independent members of the Parliament for the purpose of electioneering;
- (4) The precise details of all benefits received by independent members of Parliament since the 1999 state election being benefits over and above those otherwise payable to a backbench member including:
 - (i) Staff
 - (ii) Facilities
 - (iii) Equipment
 - (iv) Polling results

(v) Any other benefits, be they cash or in kind and from whatever source and the total value in financial terms of all such benefits;

- (5) Full particulars of any favoured access to ministers, favoured legislative changes, favoured solutions to disputes or other issues, and any other action provided to independent members of Parliament not otherwise provided to members of opposition parties or to the general public; and
- (6) The desirability of having the Australian Electoral Commission report upon all aspects of financial and in kind support provided to independent members and candidates during the course of the election process.

257 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House requires the Victorian Government to increase its commitment to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline from \$77 million to the \$167 million required to fund the State's share of the revised business plan.

258 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his inaction in controlling corellas in country Victoria, thereby creating hardships for rural communities where corellas are damaging buildings, sporting arenas, electrical and telecommunication cables, and creating noise problems which is disruptive to residents and tourist resorts.

259 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes that Victoria's share of GST payments for 2004–05 will increase by \$534 million to \$8.9 billion and further notes the constant whinging of the Honourable the Treasurer regarding 'inequities' of distribution of funds to Victoria through the operation of the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) and proposes for the consideration of the Honourable the Treasurer the following alternate course of action namely that:

- (1) The Honourable the Treasurer at the earliest possible opportunity convene a meeting (the meeting) of the Treasurers of all Australian States and Territories, all of whom are presently of Labor persuasion.
- (2) The Honourable the Treasurer present to the meeting his proposals for the resolution of the impasse he believes exists which in his view precludes Victoria receiving a fair deal from the CGC and his model for a structure which would solve the problem.
- (3) In the event of there being an acceptance by the meeting of the proposals submitted by the Honourable the Treasurer, such agreement be in turn submitted to the Federal Government as representing the consensus views of the Labor-governed States and Territories with the further request on their joint behalf that the terms of reference of the CGC be amended to reflect the agreement.
- (4) In the alternate event that the meeting is unable to reach a consensus amongst the Labor-governed States and Territories, the Federal Government be advised accordingly.
- (5) That in any event the Honourable the Treasurer actually does something to resolve the subject issue rather than whinging, moaning and grandstanding about it, particularly in circumstances where the CGC has functioned as an independent entity since it was established in 1933.
- (6) As a further option to his constant and tiresome harangue, the Honourable the Treasurer rejoice in the fact that the Victorian Government is fairly swimming in record cash receipts from stamp duty, pay-roll tax, gambling and the like, that Victorian income as recently reported by the Auditor-General is up 21 per cent in the last four years and that Victoria's real financial problem is that, during that same four-year period, State

expenditure as reported by the Auditor-General is up by 35 per cent, a financial trend which is terrifying in its implications, this being a fundamental issue to which the Honourable the Treasurer would do much better to direct his attention.

(7) In short that the Honourable the Treasurer should either 'put up or shut up'.

260 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government be condemned for the purely cosmetic nature of its backdown on the cuts to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program, given these cuts will still exclude the frail elderly and those with many debilitating diseases from using the scheme and apply the cap to approximately 50 per cent of current users, while the rorters continue to go free.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 31 MARCH 2004

261 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its carping criticism of the Federal Government regarding Living Murray Initiatives, when as a component of the Mark Latham ladder of mediocrity the Federal Labor Party, the would be Government of Australia, has proposed adding 1,500 gegalitres to the Murray Flows without any semblance of explanation as to the source of the water, a proposition which would inevitably see existing irrigation water rights diminished and a matter about which the Government by its silence, has agreed to.

262 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its failure to provide continuing funding for the excellent Star 6 Program which provides the opportunity for country students to visit Scienceworks and other major educational institutions in Melbourne.

263 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker on 31 March 2004 during the answer by the Minister for Innovation, by which ruling she refused to rule on a point of order made by the Member for Doncaster that 'the Minister was debating the question' as the Speaker's refusal gives an appearance of bias.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 APRIL 2004

264 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning to stop their unilateral and inappropriate proposal for development of Camberwell Station and Camberwell Junction.

265 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her and the Macedon Ranges Shire's continuing mismanagement of the floodwater zone in Gisborne and the overt inconsistencies in its application in regard to particular planning approvals.

266 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Foster Care Week this House supports the Liberal Party's policy of a Commissioner for Children and Young Persons; such an appointment would be preferable to the Bracks Government's announcement of the appointment of a public servant as an advocate for children in care, a position which should be seen as narrow in focus and not independent of the Minister or government; on the other hand a Commissioner would be independent of government and answerable to Parliament, would represent and reflect the needs and interests of all Victorian children with a particular focus on children in care and subject to

abuse; the Commissioner would be a source of research and advice to government; this Liberal policy has the support of the community sector and the Law Institute of Victoria.

- 267 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to withdraw her clandestine, unilateral, unpublicised, unsupported and totally inappropriate declaration of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn as a major activity centre.
- 268 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House notes the public meeting held by Nillumbik ratepayers on 25 February 2004, in response to the Government's new rural and semi-rural zones and that meeting's resolution calling on the Minister for Planning to give a written guarantee of the ability of landowners to erect and modify dwellings on their properties, and to ensure that agricultural pursuits such as animal husbandry, viticulture and crop raising be afforded as of right status in those zones and that landowners be assured in writing of their capacity to pursue the legitimate expectations for their land they held at the time of purchase; and in the absence of this, the Government consider appropriate compensation or assistance.
- 269 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House fully supports the application for Heritage Victoria funding by the East Melbourne Hebrew congregation for maintenance and restoration of the much loved and historic East Melbourne Synagogue at 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
- 270 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for being guilty of — (a) not telling the truth; or (b) getting his facts wrong, in claiming that all schools in Western Australia have a 10 megabyte internet connection.
- 271 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing Victorian schools with the best student to computer ratio in Australia.
- 272 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Education Services for their hypocritical proposal to sell Minimbah, the Department of Education and Training facility, which provides low cost accommodation for regional and rural schools and has done so for 25 years and over 50,000 students.
- 273 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Seymour for failing to listen to the people of Wallan and the surrounding district and for failing to be an advocate for a full secondary college.
- 274 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to take heed to the petition of the people of Wallan and establish full State secondary college facilities in Wallan.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 20 APRIL 2004

- 275 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for its contemptuous treatment of the Parliament in that the Premier, on 20 April 2004, failed to use the appropriate parliamentary process such as a ministerial statement as the vehicle for the announcement of the Government's April Economic Statement, thereby ignoring the convention that the appropriation of substantial amounts of public funds, be it through the budgetary process or otherwise, should be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament, this being yet another example of an arrogant city-centric Labor Government bypassing the people's House, the Parliament of Victoria, in favour of attempting to sell its wares to Victorians through the agency of Government spin doctors.

- 276 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for ruling out the requirement for an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm against the wishes of local residents and the local council.
- 277 **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Tourism and the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs for their ill-informed and intemperate comments with regard to the Victorian Nationals holding their most successful 88th Annual Conference in Echuca Moama, and suggests that they would both be better advised to desist from making such negative and ill-informed comments and concentrate on talking up the very significant benefits to the Victorian economy of conferences and major events in Echuca Moama.
- 278 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates teachers and parents at Montmorency South Primary School for their strong community spirit and excellent educational programs; (b) condemns the previous Kennett Government, for irresponsibly approving capital works at Montmorency South Primary School which stripped the school of four of its permanent classrooms to be replaced by old portables; (c) condemns the Member for Doncaster for failing to acknowledge this Government's offer to replace four poor quality portables at Montmorency South Primary School with high quality classrooms; (d) expresses that it is appalled at the Member for Doncaster's continual and unwarranted negative attacks on state education in Victoria; and (e) calls on the Member for Doncaster to adopt a positive approach to promoting state education rather than continually undermining the quality of our schools in order to score cheap political points at the expense of the reputation of quality state schools like Montmorency South Primary School.
- 279 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Eltham for threatening the Montmorency South Primary School community and deliberately misleading them by telling them no new portables were available.
- 280 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General for his assertion that common law rights have been returned to Victorian workers in circumstances where a substantial component of the very welcome reduction in WorkCover premiums is directly attributable to the write down of common law payments paid by WorkCover, a situation resulting directly from the gross failure to return common law rights to Victorian workers — a matter which is known to the Attorney-General.
- 281 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House condemns the Nationals for holding their conference in New South Wales.
- 282 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for ignoring the elected school council representatives of Wallan Primary School, Wandong Primary School, Kilmore Primary School, Beveridge Primary School and Broadford Secondary College who endorsed the Local Proposal Committee's recommendations for secondary education in Wallan.
- 283 **MR HARDMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for continually providing misinformation to the people of Victoria proving that he is prepared to say anything in order to get a headline.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 21 APRIL 2004

- 284 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to include any significant initiatives to promote investments, jobs and development in rural and regional Victoria in its recent economic statement.
- 285 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Government on failing to work with the New South Wales Government in implementing a landscape planning approach to ensure that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley is managed to ensure plantations are situated where the social, economic, environmental and fire risks are manageable and small rural communities are protected.
- 286 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to investigate implications that the escalation of pine plantations in the Deddick valley will have on student numbers and the future survival of the Tubbut Primary School.
- 287 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That House notes the forlorn hope of the Victorian Nationals in maintaining their party status after the next state election.
- 288 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Liberal Party not to stand against sitting members of the Nationals so that the Victorian Nationals retain more than a forlorn hope of retaining party status after the next election.
- 289 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House notes the current position of the Victorian Nationals on the rail privatisation and their buyback proposal of the rail freight system and their failure to apologise to people of Victoria for selling it off in the first place.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 22 APRIL 2004

- 290 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates Woodside Energy for their very generous offer to provide \$61 million over 27 years to assist with funding of a much needed life saving multi-purpose emergency helicopter service for south-west Victoria and urges the Bracks Labor Government to immediately commit to the State's share of funding for this essential service.
- 291 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to meet its promised commitment to match federal funding by providing \$1 million in this year's State budget for the exciting Brauerander sporting facility project in Warrnambool.
- 292 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the construction of a new State Emergency Service headquarters in Warrnambool to replace the current outmoded, inadequate and unsafe facility.
- 293 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Government to allocate funding in this year's State budget for the redevelopment of the Portland South Primary School to provide students and teachers with proper facilities that provide a positive learning environment.

- 294 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House recognises the importance of providing safe, workable and efficient facilities for rural ambulance staff and their equipment and therefore urges the Government to provide funding in the upcoming State budget for the much needed new ambulance station in Warrnambool.
- 295 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the dangerous state of the current Surry River Bridge on the Princes Highway at Narrawong and in particular notes that the bridge is far too narrow, riddled with concrete cancer and dangerously out of alignment with both approaches and urges the funding be allocated in the upcoming State budget to replace this bridge.
- 296 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House expresses its dismay with the tragic massive increase in public dental waiting lists in country Victoria which now means people in desperate need of dental care are forced to wait four years and longer, and urges the Government to provide specific funding in the 2004–05 State budget to boost public dental services in regional and rural Victoria.
- 297 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that patients in Warrnambool hospital are still using outmoded and inappropriate ward facilities which have been largely unchanged since their construction in the 1930s and 1950s and recognises that these facilities are inadequate to meet current needs of patients, nurses, doctors and other hospital staff and urges the Government to allocate funding for the redevelopment of this hospital in the May 2004 State budget.
- 298 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes the urgent need for additional long-term places for people with disabilities in Warrnambool, Portland and south-west Victoria and urges the Government to allocate funding to specifically provide new accommodation places in these areas in the upcoming State budget.
- 299 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with concern the ongoing and increasing waste of valuable taxpayers funds by the Bracks Labor Government on blatant political advertising, base self-congratulatory self promotion, glossy brochures, expensive consultants, and burgeoning city-centric bureaucracies and urges that in the forthcoming State budget these wasteful programs be stopped and the funds saved be directed to improving services and infrastructure in rural Victoria.
- 300 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that the Member for South-West Coast is still blatantly and actively seeking the leadership of Liberal Party.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 4 MAY 2004

- 301 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Health for authorising her spokesman Mr Ben Hart to issue false and misleading statements to the media denying that there are often no Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews available for emergency calls on the Peninsula; (b) calls on the Minister to have the honesty and integrity to stand up and admit that it is a regular occurrence that Mornington Peninsula based paramedic ambulance crews are not available, and that the need for paramedic crews to be called from Frankston or Langwarrin to emergency cases on the Mornington Peninsula is almost a daily event; and (c) calls on the Minister to take immediate action to correct this dangerous shortfall in paramedic services on the Mornington Peninsula which she has created.

- 302 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Bracks Government for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Otama Project at Hastings and for its callous disregard of the economic and social benefits that this project would bring to Hastings and the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula; and (b) calls on the Government to immediately remove the blockages and red tape that it has created to thwart and destroy this important project.
- 303 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Hastings to cease her support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Member for Hastings stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that she purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 304 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Honourable Geoff Hilton, MLC the Member for Western Port Province in the other place, to cease his support for the deliberate and blatant obstruction by the Bracks Government of the Otama Project at Hastings; and (b) demands that the Honourable Mr Hilton stand up and publicly support the Otama Project and the community that he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important project gets immediate approval from the Bracks Government, thus guaranteeing that the great economic and social benefits it will generate will flow to the Hastings community, and other communities on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 5 MAY 2004

- 305 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the Government members in the Legislative Council for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in failing to turn up in sufficient numbers to allow the final passage of their own Road Management Bill thereby indicating what the Parliament at large understands, namely that the legislation is fatally flawed, that it imposes impossible burdens upon local government and ratepayers and that it ignores the simple option of enshrining the ‘highway rule’ of non-feasance, all of which issues are directly recognised by the Government’s own members in the Legislative Council, a circumstance for which they are to be applauded by all Victorians.
- 306 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for delivering on its election promise to build a dedicated elective surgery centre at the Alfred Hospital in the Prahran electorate as part of the biggest boost to health funding in Victoria’s history as announced in the 2004/05 State Budget.
- 307 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Planning for misleading Victorians about the Government’s real intentions for the redevelopment of Camberwell Junction and Camberwell Station.
- 308 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education and Training for presiding over a dramatic deterioration in the performance of State schools, with the percentage of under-performing state primary schools increasing from 3.8 per cent to 9 per cent under this Minister and the percentage of under-performing state secondary schools increasing from 8.7 per cent to 11 per cent; and (b) further expresses the concern that this means at least 52,000 Victorian schoolchildren are being let down by a Minister who in 2002 promised that

under-performing schools would be brought to account, but has instead presided over a system which is permitting more and more students to be failed by their schools.

- 309 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That the proposed 125 turbine wind farm at Pipers Creek near Hanging Rock and Kyneton be subject to an environment effects statement.
- 310 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster for his continuing denigration of our fine State schools.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 6 MAY 2004

- 311 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and their Government development arm, VicUrban, for proposing and pursuing the complete destruction and alienation of 21 hectares of much loved and community funded public park land, known as Parkside Gardens, in Shepparton.
- 312 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for making education its number one priority, by investing in over 5,000 extra teachers and staff and injecting over \$3 billion extra into school improvement programs, resulting in lower class sizes, improved literacy and numeracy and better conditions for students and staff in the electorate of Prahran and across Victoria, and in particular for funding schoolyard improvement programs for Stonnington Primary School in the Prahran electorate in the 2004/05 Budget.
- 313 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for the collapse in indigenous education standards in Victoria as evidenced by the performance measure 'percentage of year 3 indigenous students reaching national benchmarks in reading' which has fallen from 79.9 per cent to 70 per cent during the last year.
- 314 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and Shadow Minister for Education for his insensitive contempt and uncaring attitude to the serious issue of head lice control in all schools in Victoria.
- 315 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to immediately ban the riding of pushbikes on the Esplanade at Mount Martha between Prescott Avenue and Ellerina Road, and on Marine Drive at Safety Beach between Ellerina Road and Tassells Creek, in the interests of the lives and safety of both pushbike riders and motorists.
- 316 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes that cycling has health benefits and should be enjoyed by Victorians, particularly members in this House, and that cyclists have the right to cycle on Victorian roads.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 11 MAY 2004

- 317 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for misleading the Parliament in his answer to the House on 22 April 2004 when he claimed that the radar equipment provided by Victoria Police to speed camera operators to verify the accuracy of their equipment is regularly calibrated, given that on 11 May 2004, in answer to

the question of the Member for Polwarth, the Minister admitted he has advice confirming that the radar equipment is not calibrated.

318 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Education and Training to agree to fund state-funded higher education places in the same manner that the previous Kennett Liberal Government paid for 5,000 state-funded university places over a four year period and that she should ‘put up or shut up’.

319 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for continuing to advocate the full imposition of the Federal Government’s original goods and services tax package which included putting the GST on food.

320 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House takes note of the editorial within the edition of the *Wimmera Mail-Times* published on 7 May 2004, which in its commentary upon the recent Victorian budget states in part:

‘But most importantly — and most dishearteningly — the State Government refused to increase its allocation towards the critical Wimmera Mallee pipeline project.

Piping advocates hoped to see an increase from \$70 million to around \$160 million in light of the project’s cost estimate ballooning from \$320 million to \$500 million.

But alas, the State did not increase its pledge and its leaders continue to play politics — using the piping project as a means to gain cheap political points over the Federal Government.

“We’ll commit more when the feds do the same”, is the tired old argument Mr Bracks and his Environment Minister John Thwaites have rolled out again.

Mr Thwaites is happy to say that water conservation is the state’s biggest environmental challenge.

But while he refuses to commit the extra money the state must provide to pipe our region, we will [regard] such sentiment with increased s[c]epticism.’ —

and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon the political shenanigans which it has so far pursued in the development of the Wimmera Mallee pipeline and to work with the Federal Government to ensure a fulsome assessment of the business case in relation to this magnificent project, to thereby ensure availability of those contributions from the respective governments that will see this outstanding national initiative being brought to reality.

321 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Box Hill for talking down the Victorian economy and for thus being a Liberal first and a Victorian last.

322 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That in recognition of Autism Week this House condemns the Bracks Government for its changes to the funding model for early intervention autism services from the needs-based model to an output-based model which has the effect of reducing autism services particularly for severe cases from 10 hours per week to a mere two hours a week, thereby drastically reducing the treatment for such children and their chance to participate in mainstream education, thus causing enormous stress and anxiety to their parents.

323 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the procrastination of the Nationals over the vital Wimmera Mallee pipeline and the Federal Government delay in matching funds and notes the quote of Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the *Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times* of 18 March 2004 in which he said ‘I doubt if there will be full funding for the project in the Federal Budget this year’.

- 324 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Commonwealth Games for breaking their promise of 18 December 2003 to support the heritage listing of the former Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parkville by, just six months later, moving to oppose that listing at a Heritage Council hearing.
- 325 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for Broadmeadows as Treasurer for a budget for the battlers containing a comprehensive range of concessions to improve access by low income Victorians to affordable housing, home ownership, dental health, public transport, education, and primary and acute health services.
- 326 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Member for North Eastern Province, on her insightfulness and honesty when she was quoted in Shepparton media as saying that the Bracks Government was only keeping their promises in the recent State budget and calls on the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and other Liberal members to follow her example.
- 327 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Minister for Community Services for the recent allocation to professional training for those working for children with autism.
- 328 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House notes the Federal National Party Member for Mallee, Mr John Forrest's statement on radio that he 'is embarrassed' by the Federal Government's time delay in providing any funds for Wimmera-Mallee pipeline.
- 329 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its removal of motor registration concessions for pensioners, health care card holders and returned services personnel.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 12 MAY 2004

- 330 **MR DOYLE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government and the Federal Treasurer on delivering a budget designed to assist Australians by reducing taxation, extending and supporting essential services, putting families first and ensuring the safety of our nation.
- 331 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for producing a budget that meets the real needs of Victorian families and regional and rural Victorians in contrast to the city-centric Bracks Labor Government budget which did nothing for country Victoria and imposed significant new costs on pensioners, health care card holders and veterans.
- 332 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Howard Liberal Government for not funding the Deer Park by-pass and other important road projects in the western part of Melbourne and in Victoria generally.
- 333 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Coalition Federal Government be congratulated on those elements of its Federal budget which will help and support Australian and Victorian families, as this is the largest-ever package of assistance totalling an additional \$19.2 billion over five years and includes a \$600 per year increase in the maximum and base rates of the family tax benefit for each dependent child, which will see the base rate of family assistance taken to almost \$1,700 per child, representing a 100 per cent increase since the election of the

Howard Government, and in addition to the ongoing increase, all eligible families receiving the family tax benefit will be given an immediate lump sum payment of \$600 per child; a new maternity payment of \$3,000 for each newborn child, increasing by \$1,000 every two years to \$5,000 in 2008 (inclusive); an additional 40,000 outside school hours child care places and an extra 4,000 family day care places.

- 334 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for not committing funding to the Calder freeway or the Deer Park by-pass despite promising co-funding for the Calder in 2001 which the State Government has honoured.
- 335 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for \$450 million in funding to upgrade rail freight lines and condemns the Bracks Government for cancelling \$96 million in funding to standardise Victoria's rail network.
- 336 **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House congratulates the Commonwealth Government on a budget that continues to deliver the sound financial management that has made Australia one of the best performing economies in the world over recent years and, as a result, has raised living standards, kept interest rates low, and created investment and jobs.
- 337 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its ongoing commitment to ensure the Scoresby Freeway remains toll-free.
- 338 **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Government for its outstanding budget which addresses the security needs of this country.
- 339 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for abandoning its responsibilities to fund additional demand in public health, public education and public housing in Victoria.
- 340 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House congratulates the Attorney-General for so eloquently expressing the concept of an independent judiciary and its importance in a democratic and free society when he stated, when introducing a new model for determining judicial salaries, on 18 October 2001 that 'judicial independence ensures judicial impartiality by guaranteeing the freedom of the judicial branch of government from unwarranted intrusions by the legislative and executive branches of government' and that judicial independence is secured by adhering to two conventions, namely security of tenure and security of remuneration.
- 341 **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Attorney-General and the Bracks Government for their breath-taking hypocrisy and spineless attack on the foundation of an independent judiciary by blatantly interfering with the independent determination of the Judicial Remuneration Tribunal, something that is in absolute contradiction to the Attorney-General's statement in the House on 18 October 2001.
- 342 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for failing to fund its 50 per cent share of the Geelong Western Ring Road.
- 343 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for doing nothing in tax relief for workers on less than \$50,000 and for pensioners, and notes Laura Tingle's statement in the Australian Financial Review that the budget makes 'only the smallest pretence at being about structural reform or economic management'.
- 344 **MR KOTSIRAS** — To move, That this House commends the Federal Government for providing an extra \$5.3 billion for innovation and science in the 11 May 2004 Federal budget.

- 345 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Mitcham for preferring to spend a day at the races at Warrnambool on 6 May 2004, rather than attending to his duties of representing his constituents in Parliament on one of the rare days that the Bracks Government allows the House to sit.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 13 MAY 2004

- 346 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services for announcing in this House on 12 May 2004 that, rather than fix the therapeutic pool for the intellectually disabled residents at Colanda Residential Services in Colac, the Bracks Government is going to shut the pool down; and that this action comes on top of the Bracks Government's earlier attack on people with disabilities, pensioners, veterans and health care card holders, when the Bracks Government announced that it would cap access to the Multi Purpose Taxi Service and hit those within this group eligible for concession motor registration with an additional \$80 to register their cars.
- 347 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government for its inability to manage public housing in Victoria, as evidenced by the nearly 300 additional families now waiting for public housing since December 2003 and the 6,819 families that are languishing on the early housing waiting list and urgently requiring accommodation because they have been identified as having a priority need.
- 348 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for Education and Training for ignoring the state of the portable classrooms at Traralgon South Primary School and for failing to provide a timeframe for a transition to permanent classrooms for this school; and (b) congratulates the leadership of the Traralgon South Primary namely the Principal Bruce Fulton and the School Council President Chris Madsden for providing an excellent education despite the poor state of the school buildings.
- 349 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Morwell for failing to be an effective advocate for the Traralgon South Primary School community which urgently needs physical upgrade.
- 350 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Labor Government for increasing the amount of money for affordable housing in Victoria by \$50 million in 2004/2005 State budget.
- 351 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Health for delaying the release of the hospital services report thereby showing this Government is not open, accountable and transparent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 MAY 2004

- 352 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Major Projects for botching every single major project for which he has responsibility.

- 353 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to show some compassion for the Minister for Major Projects and the Minister for Transport by reshuffling the Cabinet and relieving him of his allocated responsibilities which he quite clearly is failing to manage.
- 354 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for misleading the House on 22 April 2004 when, in moving the motion of ratification for Casey Planning Scheme Amendment No C66, which facilitates the so-called Botanic Ridge Development, she said the development comprised 400 lots, when in fact it is for more than 1400 lots; for failing to provide this information in tabled documentation and for failing to take the first opportunity to make a correction of the record even after having it drawn to her attention.
- 355 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed meeting at Dumbalk in Gippsland on 21 May 2004 protesting against the failure of the Government's wind farm guidelines to protect Victoria's coastline and the decision of the Minister to not require an environment effects statement for the proposed Dollar wind farm.
- 356 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government on its comprehensive, strategic and well resourced series of crime fighting initiatives, in contrast to the Liberal Party's approach of advocacy for a new crime fighting bureaucracy, an approach they opposed in May 2004.
- 357 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House congratulates the communities of Pittong, Violet Town, Tiega and Ouyen for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and demonstrating with science and sound argument the folly of locating a toxic waste dump in any of those area.
- 358 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and particularly its incompetent Minister for Major Projects Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and the inadequate junior Minister for Manufacturing and Export Honourable Tim Holding, MP for the pain and suffering they caused to the people and especially the targeted land owners of Pittong, Violet Town and Tiega/Ouyen during the entire toxic waste dump fiasco.
- 359 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes that the city-centric Bracks Labor Government and its incompetent Ministers Honourable Peter Batchelor, MP and Honourable Tim Holding, MP have again got it wrong with the new proposed toxic waste dump site at Nowingi as this site — (a) is too far from the source of the toxic waste most of which is generated in and around Melbourne; (b) poses significant risk to local environment including nearby national parks and unique Mallee flora and fauna; (c) is within an unacceptable proximity to major intensive agricultural producing areas of Mildura and district; (d) poses significant risk to many cities, towns and communities through which high risk toxic waste must be transported from Melbourne to Nowingi; and (e) has not been subject of even basic scientific and environmental studies especially in relation to the risk to local water tables run off and leading into the Murray river system; and that this House condemns the Government for again acting without any consultation with the local community or local council.
- 360 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education and Training for failing to meet her obligations to protect students from violence and crime in our State schools and educational institutions and for dismissing the issue as 'not a serious problem'.

- 361 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House notes with concern the statement of 10 May 2004 by the Sunshine North Primary School Council that ‘many of the schools listed in the budget for major upgrades, including regional Victoria, have clearly been allocated funds not on merit but on strategic political location’ and the school’s conclusion that it is in a ‘safe Labor seat ... the needs of (our) children are treated with scant regard’, and supports this school’s legitimate claim for a long-awaited capital upgrade.
- 362 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House shares the concern of the Epping Secondary College Council ‘with the Victorian State Government’s decreasing commitment to information and communication technologies funding to schools in recent years’; agrees that in the term of the previous Liberal Government Victorian Government schools lead the ‘world in the development and implementation of information communication technology within teaching and learning programs’ and further commends the school for its assessment that ‘information communication technology receives very little emphasis in the *Blueprint for Government Schools* document which is unfortunate as we believe that leading edge information communication technology facilities and practices are an aid to powerful teaching and learning that should never be underestimated’.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 MAY 2004

- 363 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Bracks Labor Government to come clean and be honest with the people of Western Victoria by advising the community of the Government’s proposed route for transportation of high risk toxic waste from Melbourne to Nowingi, in particular advising which of the following routes will be used by toxic waste transports — (a) Western Highway to Ballarat and then via the Sunraysia Highway; (b) Calder Highway; (c) Calder Highway to Bendigo and then via Loddon Valley, Mallee and Calder Highways; (d) Calder Highway to Bendigo then via Loddon Valley and Murray Valley Highways; (e) on broad gauge rail through Ballarat, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip and Ouyen; or (f) on standard gauge rail through Geelong, Ararat, Stawell, Murtoa, Minyip, Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Ouyen using a new standard gauge link from Hopetoun to Ouyen.
- 364 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House supports the call of primary principals of the Darebin network to establish an emotional and behavioural setting to assist children with severe emotional and behavioural problems and to safeguard the other children in school.
- 365 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House takes note of the resolutions of the wild fire taskforce forum on Sunday 23 May 2004 in Bairnsdale calling on the Government — (a) to immediately show a duty of care by instructing its relevant departments to carry out extensive prescribed burning on public lands in Victoria; and (b) to formulate and develop local fire committees with the full power and government support to plan for and monitor prescribed burning operations, and to monitor and decide on actions to take regarding natural lightning-lit fires, these committees to comprise local members of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Parks Victoria, the Country Fire Authority and experienced local persons.
- 366 **MR INGRAM** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals, Mr Peter Ryan, MP for attempting to undermine the position of The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran and replace him with his preferred candidate Mr Darren Chester, executive officer of Champions of the Bush.

- 367 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Housing in another place for trying to hoodwink Victorians into believing that an announcement of \$8.8 million for the youth homeless action plan is new money to assist young homeless Victorians, the cruel truth being that this funding was announced not in the last budget but the budget before that in 2003/04, some 12 months ago, and was to be spent over four years; in that budget over \$18 million was cut from homeless assistance programs and followed a \$12.2 million cut to the same programs the year before; this is an outrageous and cruel joke on the most needy and desperate in our community and it has occurred because some consultative committee sat around for 12 months thinking about how to spend the money and have only just decided all this while homeless numbers have risen by 14 per cent to some 20,000 and the Bracks Government reduces its target by 4,000 places for crisis accommodation and transitional necessary in this year's budget.
- 368 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on the Government to abandon the proposed total waste containment facility in the Mallee at Nowingi, and assess all other Government owned sites before making a decision.
- 369 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House calls on prominent Nationals member and Mildura Rural City Councillor Mr Greg Brown, and the Member for North Western Province Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC to explain their involvement in promoting Nowingi and Hattah to the Government as a total waste containment site.
- 370 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of The Nationals for his continued vigorous support for Freight Australia, Rail America and his continued refusal to reveal the donation lists of The Nationals slush funds Pilliwinks and Dogary.
- 371 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for North Western Province, Honourable Barry Bishop, MLC for his disgraceful and completely unfounded suggestion that the Member for Mildura had traded off standardisation for the acceptance of a toxic waste containment facility at Nowingi.
- 372 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House supports the continued representation by The Nationals Senator Julian McGauran, a person who actually believes in something, as opposed to Mr Darren Chester a person who is nothing but a vacuous political opportunist.
- 373 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Liberal Party for its deliberate and blatant obstruction of the Victorian community's wish for a national park at Point Nepean and for its callous disregard of the environmental, economic and social benefits that national park would bring to all Victorians; and (b) calls on the Howard Government to immediately remove the blockages it has created to thwart and destroy this iconic Victorian precinct.
- 374 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Mornington to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Mornington stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; and (c) calls on the Member for Mornington to publicly condemn the false and

misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004.

- 375 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Member for Nepean to cease his support for the blatant and deliberate obstruction by the Howard Government, particularly the Member for Flinders, of the Victorian community's vision for a national park at Point Nepean; (b) demands that the Member for Nepean stand up and publicly support Victoria's vision for a national park and the community he purports to represent, by ensuring that this important vision gets immediate approval from the Howard Government, thus guaranteeing that the great social, economic and environmental benefits a national park will generate will flow to the whole of the Mornington Peninsula community, and other communities across Victoria; (c) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly condemn the false and misleading position taken by the Federal Member for Flinders, who has been so publicly contradicted by the trust members in statements to local papers in May 2004; and (d) calls on the Member for Nepean to publicly acknowledge that he has failed the 10,000-strong petitioners on whose behalf last year he lodged their prayer to have the Howard Government declare Point Nepean a national park in perpetuity for all Victorians, because he has supported the false and misleading position deliberately manufactured by the Federal Member for Flinders.
- 376 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government and the Member for Hastings for reducing the annual environment maintenance funding program at Mornington Peninsula national park adjacent to Point Nepean from \$80,000 to only \$12,000 thereby threatening native flora and fauna and further condemns the Member for Hastings on her hypocrisy on this matter.
- 377 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House notes the Member for Caulfield cannot read budget papers to the extent that she is unable to recognise the cut by the Federal Government to the Victorian housing special purpose payments displayed by her questioning at the 2003 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing and her failure to attend the 2004 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee budget briefing.
- 378 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for abusing the open and public nature of parliamentary committees by orchestrating a confrontation between members of the public and the Minister for Community Services.
- 379 **MR DONELLAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) using the tragic deaths of young Victorians for her own political gain; and (b) exploiting the plight of three women whose children had tragically died for her own political gain.
- 380 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her manipulation of the disabled and vulnerable residents of Newton House, Chadstone and for her lack of concern for their welfare and needs despite the documented failings of the service.
- 381 **MR MERLINO** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for wrongly accusing a family who are public housing tenants of damaging Government property, and imploring the Government to illegally evict the family from public housing, and notes and applauds the decision of the two local members for Shepparton, Mrs Jeanette Powell, MP and Honourable Wendy Lovell, MLC to not join the Member for Caulfield in participating in the public vilification of the family.

- 382 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the consistent and farsighted position of the Bracks Labor Government in actively representing the wishes of the Victorian community by insisting the Howard Government hand Point Nepean over to Victorians for a national park, and as such being the only government that has not determined to sell off or lease off the iconic Point Nepean land for financial gain; and (b) calls on the Federal Member for Flinders, the Member for Nepean and the Member for Mornington to take immediate steps to demonstrate that the Howard Government and Federal Member for Flinders' announcement that Point Nepean would be handed over to become national park was simply not a political trick, evidenced by public statements made by that member in May 2004.
- 383 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hastings for being more concerned about attacking the Federal Government for cheap political point scoring rather than looking after her own electorate's key environmental issue regarding the future of Devils Bend Reservoir and further condemns the Member for Hastings for being content to flog off this land to a developer for subdivision.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 27 MAY 2004

- 384 **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House dissents from the Speaker's *Guidelines for Parliamentary Friendship Groups* and directs the Speaker to withdraw these guidelines as they are odious in any democratic Parliament and they diminish the standing of this Parliament in that they — (a) restrict members in their rights of free speech and free association; (b) have already been interpreted capriciously as they provide that parliamentary friendship groups can only exist with 'countries with a Parliamentary system of Government', yet the Speaker has approved a friendship group with the People's Republic of China, a communist dictatorship; (c) will prevent the all-party Friends of Tibet Group from working for human rights in that country, its liberation from the People's Republic of China and for Tibetan democracy; and (d) will prevent the all-party Friends of Burma Group from working for human rights and democracy in that country.
- 385 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the terms of a public statement issued yesterday by Mildura Rural City Councillor, Mr Greg Brown which states:
- "Mildura Rural City Councillor and Underbool farmer Greg Brown today said that when the Tiega site was announced by Minister Holding to councillors five months ago, he suggested the Government look for a suitable site on Crown land, and showed them a map of the Sunset Country.
- If the facility was going to be sited anywhere in the municipality, it should have been out towards the Rocket Lake area, where it would have no effect on residents or farmers.
- 'In the dryland farming area, we were hell bent on getting the facility off good farming land and away from towns like Ouyen' Cr Brown said.
- 'I was told there were no suitable crown land sites in the Mallee'.
- Cr Brown said there had been no consultation whatsoever by the Government with Council about siting of the facility in this municipality, or elsewhere." —
- and calls upon the Government and the Member for Mildura to abandon their joint attempts to blame everyone else but themselves for the selection of Nowingi near Mildura as the Government's proposed site for a toxic waste dump.

- 386 **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the comments by the Premier on 26 May 2004 during question time when he indicated that the Government had not considered any other Crown land location for establishing a toxic waste dump apart from Nowingi and calls upon the Government to abandon its present plans in favour of locating the facility on Crown land within a 100 km radius of Melbourne.
- 387 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates Sri Lankan bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan on his record breaking 527 wickets to become the greatest bowler ever.
- 388 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That the Bracks Government makes an urgent and clear statement to the House as to how many additional park rangers and what exact amount of money will be allocated for management and vermin and weed control maintenance of their new proposed Anagahook-Otway National Park and explains where this staffing and funds will come from given the significant reduction in funding in real terms in the coming State budget year for maintenance of national parks.
- 389 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Premier to explain why the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now twice found the Minister for Planning to have unlawfully intervened in the planning approval process, once in Jolimont and once in Docklands.
- 390 **MR PERERA** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and the Leader of the Opposition for degrading the status of this supreme House in Victoria by using it to call the Sri Lanka's record breaking bowler Mr Muttiah Muralitharan a 'chucker'.
- 391 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) calls on the Government to take action to stop Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, from spreading false information to the media and the people of the Mornington Peninsula concerning the Government election promise to build a 60 bed rehabilitation hospital in Mornington; (b) notes that despite the Government failing to allocate any funds towards this project in either the 2003/2004 Budget or the 2004/2005 Budget, Mr Viney, MLC continues to publicly repeat his claim that funding for the project commenced in the 2003/2004 Budget; and (c) regards it as imperative that Mr Viney, MLC be prevented from further attempts to falsely raise the expectations of the people of the Mornington Peninsula.
- 392 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) censures Mr Matt Viney, MLC, Member for Chelsea Province in the Legislative Council, for his blatant attempt to become involved in the planning processes in an effort to assist his Labor Party colleague, and Frankston real estate developer, Mr Rogan Ward by — (i) seeking in Parliament on May 11 2004 to have the Minister for Planning intervene in a planning scheme amendment application for the extension of a bulky goods zone on the corner of McMahons Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Frankston; (ii) requesting the Minister for Planning when intervening, to expedite that application which was made by Commercial Property Services, a company of which Mr Rogan Ward, a Labor Party Member and close associate of Mr Viney, MLC is an Executive Director; and (iii) attempting to persuade another developer who has a connection with that particular application, to contact the Liberal Party to try and stop Liberal Party Members of Parliament from commenting on the Member's actions; and (b) now calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that Mr Viney, MLC will no longer be in a position to influence the planning process, and by so doing prevent public input and objections, through a public exhibition process, of sensitive development proposals.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 1 JUNE 2004

- 393 **MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carrum Primary School, \$100,000 for Chelsea Primary School and \$85,000 for Seaford Primary School in the electorate of Carrum.
- 394 **MR HARKNESS** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$20,000 for Frankston East Primary School, \$50,000 for Karingal Heights Primary School and \$100,000 for Overport Primary School in the electorate of Frankston.
- 395 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Hastings Westpark Primary School and \$120,000 for Somers Primary School in the electorate of Hastings.
- 396 **MS MUNT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$70,000 for Dingley Primary School and \$100,000 for Parkdale Primary School in the electorate of Mordialloc.
- 397 **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Blackburn Lake Primary School, \$65,000 for Nunawading Primary School, \$60,000 for Old Orchard Primary School and \$40,000 for Springview Primary School in the electorate of Mitcham.
- 398 **MR MAXFIELD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$35,000 for the Blackwood Annex of Drouin Secondary College, \$30,000 for Bona Vista Primary School, \$65,000 for Jindivick Primary School, \$60,000 for Labertouche Primary School, \$80,000 for Lardner and District Primary School and \$65,000 for Noojee Primary School in the electorate of Narracan.
- 399 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Carnegie Primary School and \$150,000 for Hughesdale Primary School in the electorate of Oakleigh.
- 400 **MR NARDELLA** — To move, That this House condemns the Liberal Opposition for — (a) conducting a scare campaign about safety in Victorian Government schools; (b) incorrectly depicting the level of safety in government schools; and (c) suggesting that some children at some schools should be frisked on their entry to school.

- 401 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Doncaster for his suggestion that ‘in some cases, we need to shakedown students’ on their way in to schools; (b) notes that this is an extreme policy in which he does not spell out how it would be implemented; and (c) calls on the Member for Doncaster to outline which schools he proposes to introduce this policy into, who he proposes will conduct the physical search of students and whether or not he would require parental consent.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 2 JUNE 2004

- 402 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern that recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows that in 2003, for the first time in seven years, Victoria recorded a net interstate migration of 1,453 people out of this State into other parts of Australia clearly indicating that they believe that Victoria is not the place to be.
- 403 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Auburn South Primary School in the electorate of Hawthorn, \$150,000 for Balwyn Primary School, \$65,400 for Kerrimuir Primary School, and \$25,000 and \$70,000 for the Surrey Hills Primary School in the Box Hill electorate.
- 404 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier Honourable Steve Bracks, MP for deliberately misleading this House and Victorians in his answer to a Dorothy Dix question on 27 May 2004 on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics population data when he completely failed to mention that the data showed a net interstate migration out of Victoria to other States and Territories of 1,453 people during 2003.
- 405 **MR HERBERT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$85,000 for Lower Plenty Primary School and \$100,000 for Montmorency Primary School in the electorate of Eltham.
- 406 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates Mr John Forrest, MP, Federal Member for Mallee, for his recognition that Victoria had committed to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline, and that this House condemns the Member for Swan Hill for his continued claim that the Federal Government is willing, ready and able to build the pipeline which as this House knows is ludicrous.
- 407 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mornington Primary School and \$100,000 for Mount Eliza Secondary College, in the electorate of Mornington.
- 408 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the detrimental impact on Victorian pensioners, veterans and health care cardholders of the new annual impost of \$78.50 levied by the Bracks Government for car registration, reducing financial independence and jeopardising freedom of movement and quality of life.

- 409 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Nationals Members Honourable Warren Truss, MP, Honourable John Anderson, MP and Honourable Mark Vaile, MP for selling out Victorian apple and pear growers in allowing Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and Biosecurity to consider approval for the importation of New Zealand apples contaminated with fire blight.
- 410 **MS BEARD** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for listening to school staff, students and parents and providing \$10 million out of its \$60 million budget boost to maintenance, for the upgrading of schools toilets including \$100,000 for Mooroolbark East Primary School and \$65,000 for Mooroolbark Primary School in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- 411 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of the residents of the Sandringham electorate and the wider Victorian community in relation to the failure of the Bracks Government to commit funding for beach renourishment as part of the plan to remediate unstable cliffs at Sandringham beach in the vicinity of Royal Avenue.
- 412 **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House notes the concerns of Sandringham electorate school communities owing to the lack of maintenance funding for local schools and the imposition of WorkCover charges on school communities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 3 JUNE 2004

- 413 **MS BEATTIE** — To move that this House condemns the Member for Doncaster — (a) for his failure to provide or advance any sensible, coherent or meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Education; (b) for proposing wacky, dangerous and incoherent policy positions including — (i) fining parents of truants; (ii) bigger class sizes; (iii) teasing is good for children; and (iv) having children frisked on their way to school; (c) for misleading the people of Victoria by suggesting in relation to the Bracks Government's \$60 million school maintenance funding in the 2004/2005 budget that — (i) the Government broke a promise to fund \$100 million for this program; (ii) the additional \$60 million will create a further backlog; (iii) there is no ongoing maintenance funding; and (iv) the former government cleared maintenance backlog; and (d) for making irresponsible policy commitments conservatively estimated at \$1.785 billion without any explanation of how such commitments would be funded, leading any reasonable person to the conclusion that the Liberal Party's past practice of sacking teachers and closing schools will be the order of the day if the Liberal Party were to govern in Victoria again; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 414 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House notes — (a) the increasing role that the Treasurer is taking in all tourism matters in Victoria, especially all so-called media good news stories; and (b) the diminishing role of the current Minister for Tourism and the negative message this is sending to the tourism industry in this State.
- 415 **MS GREEN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for — (a) her complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to either Housing or Community Services; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in her areas as evidenced by no press releases being issued for the whole sitting, only four questions without notice being asked and two

contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 416 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House supports and calls on the Bracks Government to support the Victorian Rugby Union's continuing efforts to secure a Victorian based licence for a Super 14 team before 2006 and calls on the Government to fully demonstrate that support at the Wallabies Scotland test match at Telstra Dome on 13 June 2004.
- 417 **MR LUPTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Kew for — (a) his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Attorney-General or Industrial Relations matters; and (b) his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his shadow responsibilities as evidenced by only four contributions to the adjournment debates and only four questions without notice for the whole of the Autumn sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 418 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to immediately review restrictions in Victorian planning schemes such as occur in clause 52.17 of the Mitchell Planning Scheme which are now being taken by officers of the Mitchell Shire to prevent the fair, reasonable and indeed essential clean up of native vegetation around a rural home for fire fighting purposes.
- 419 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the Member for Warrandyte and Shadow Minister the Environment for proposing the wacky idea of placing all power lines underground, which has an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion, which would mean either a cost to each Victorian consumer of \$1000 or, alternatively, cuts to spending on other services; and (b) invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 420 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House expresses its concern that house and land packages are not to be exempted from the operation of the warranties and provisions of the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995* as a consequence of the Government's amendments to the legislation.
- 421 **MR HELPER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for South-West Coast and Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Development for — (a) his failure to promote the interests of rural people and support the Government's initiatives to revitalise regional Victoria following the Kennett Government's neglect; and (b) failing to advance any alternative policies that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 422 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House calls on the Bracks Labor Government to delay the introduction of Primesafe fees for the seafood industry until — (a) all states have similar seafood quality assurance programs; (b) the fee schedule is amended to properly reflect the relative risk of each seafood type and sector of the industry; (c) arrangements are in place to avoid duplication of fees for those processors involved in both local and export trade; and (d) Primesafe is able to demonstrate with publicly available data the justification for the new costs they will be imposing on the Victorian seafood industry.

- 423 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for — (a) becoming, in his own words, ‘entirely negative, entirely carping, entirely whinging’, much like a nervous tic, and for failing to provide a policy agenda in the areas of education and the environment in either the Liberal Party position papers on the Liberal Party website or in the public debate, despite declaring in early 2003 that Liberal policy would be anchored on these areas; (b) such laziness and weakness, despite stating after the 2002 election that ‘[we should] hold on to our hats’ and that the Liberals would provide an alternative policy vision, promising policy releases on a regular basis; and invites the Leader of the Opposition to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Leader.
- 424 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her continuing failure to consult rural communities on proposed new rural zones or to provide a consolidated document of proposals and calls on the Minister to do what was recommended by the *Weekly Times* and ‘start again’ on rural zones.
- 425 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Hawthorn for — (a) despite declaring an ‘interest’ in planning issues in a recent local paper, his complete failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to planning; (b) and his policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in his area as evidenced by just one press release for the whole sitting, only one question without notice and only three contributions to the adjournment debates for the whole of this sitting; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 426 **MR MULDER** — To move, That House condemns the Attorney-General for his ill-informed and idiotic statement during question time on 1 June 2004 when he stated ‘I get sick and tired of people who advocate loosening up the Government’s tough stance on reducing the road toll — for instance, those who have advocated a 10 per cent tolerance level for speeding need to understand how irresponsible and retrograde a step that would be’, when at the same time the Attorney-General’s own mobile speed cameras have been operating at a tolerance of 17.5 per cent in school zones, 14 per cent in residential streets, 11.7 per cent in 60 km zones and 10 per cent in 70 km zones.
- 427 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Polwarth and Shadow Minister for Transport for — (a) continually criticising the Government for its initiatives in opening rural rail lines closed down by his party, and improving rail services throughout Victoria; and (b) failing to provide any policy pronouncements or statements, discernable from the Liberal Party position papers or participation in the House, in respect of public transport in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in this area; and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 428 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House urges the Minister for Transport to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian overpass, over the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line, joining Hickford Parade to the Warrnambool East Primary School providing a safe new access for children and the wider community to and from this school and its grounds.
- 429 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this house condemns the Member for Brighton for — (a) her failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to Industry, Employment and Major Projects; and (b) her policy laziness in failing to make any meaningful contribution to

policy debate in the Autumn 2004 sitting in these areas as evidenced by only one press release provided throughout the sitting, four questions without notice asked and four contributions to adjournment debates; and invites the Member to lift her game in the Spring sitting assuming she is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.

- 430 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to heed the ever growing chorus of calls for a withdrawal of the ministerial directions requiring compliance of responsible authorities with the Melbourne 2030 strategy, and for the release of all submissions received in regard to that strategy and for a full open public review of the strategy.
- 431 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Scoresby for his failure to provide or advance any meaningful policy pronouncements or statements in the Autumn 2004 sitting that contribute to the political debate in relation to tackling crime and reducing the road toll and invites the Member to lift his game in the Spring sitting assuming he is still the Opposition Shadow Minister for this area.
- 432 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to support councils wishing to establish two storey height limits in neighbourhood activity centres.
- 433 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether a proposed multi-storey development in Smith Street, Fitzroy, is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 434 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to indicate whether or not the proposed 14-storey tower block in Mitcham is consistent with her Melbourne 2030 strategy.
- 435 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House calls on the Minister for Planning to attend a march in Mitcham on Saturday 12 June 2004 protesting against a proposed 14-storey tower development.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 24 AUGUST 2004

- 436 **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Brunswick for his lack of dedication to his job as evidenced by only one contribution to the adjournment debate and only two questions without notice in the Autumn 2004 sitting and recommends to the Member that should he be so foolish as to again condemn Members of the Opposition, that he first check to see his own performance in Parliament on these matters is better rather than worse than the Member he seeks to criticise.
- 437 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its piecemeal approach to security at our country airports as — (a) the Howard Government's regional aviation security announcement does not deliver what is required to reassure passengers and tourists using country airports; (b) despite all the bells and whistles announced on 23 August 2004, country airports across Australia will still not have routine passenger screening — the key to ensuring security; (c) the Federal Government also failed to speak to state police forces about how their new SWAT teams will link in with police or speak to them about airport security, despite it being state police who are the first to respond to any emergencies at airports; and queries what it will take for the Federal Government to live up to its rhetoric and provide appropriate security at regional airports.

- 438 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for committing only \$1,200 for every megalitre of water saved by the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, compared with \$10,000 per megalitre saved, paid to assist city people to buy dishwashers, washing machines and rainwater tanks.
- 439 **MS BARKER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$22.6 million for the construction of Palmers Road between Dunnings Road and the Princes Freeway, Point Cook, including a connection over the Freeway, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion and improve access to Point Cook, but will also improve road safety for the residents.
- 440 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for proposing to situate the toxic waste dump at Nowingi, where there are no water and sewerage services available, a situation which goes against the Government's own published assessment factors for judging the merits of a toxic waste dump site, and which raises serious questions about the transportation of water to the site and the removal of toxic truck wash-down water and sewerage from this geographically remote location.
- 441 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his blatant disregard of the environment, in allowing his Government to clear at least 100 hectares of important Mallee vegetation which provides important habitat for endangered species such as the Malleefowl, Mallee emu-wren, black-eared miner, regent parrot and red-ored whistler for a toxic waste dump.
- 442 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.1 million for the duplication of Mickleham Road between Alanbrae Terrace and Barrymore Road, Attwood, noting that the funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Attwood and those people who drive through the area.
- 443 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House condemns this city-centric Labor Government for not providing enough funds to ensure the sustainability of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs in rural and regional Victorian communities.
- 444 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House notes the dramatic decline in business expenditure on research and development since the election of the Howard Government and in particular that this decline will eventually cause a dramatic decline in all Victorian living standards.
- 445 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its placing of a toxic waste dump in the immediate vicinity of the internationally recognised Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and within an important habitat corridor between the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and the Murray-Sunset National Park.
- 446 **MS D'AMBROSIO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$14 million for the duplication of Plenty Road between Centenary Drive and Bethany Court, South Morang, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of South Morang and the people who drive through this area.

- 447 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend more than 40 community groups from across Melbourne at a public rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 June 2004, protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and the adverse effects of that policy on the amenity of Melbourne suburbs.
- 448 **MR TREZISE** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its lack of security at our ports whereby only three in every 1,000 containers coming into Australian ports are checked by the Commonwealth and calls on the Federal Government to step up security at ports to prevent illicit drugs and illegal weapons entering the country.
- 449 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House — (a) condemns the city-centric Labor Government for not supporting preschools, their over-worked volunteer committees of management and their teachers; (b) notes that the first fundamental step in a child's education should be fully funded to ensure the retaining and attraction of the best and brightest graduates into the preschool sector and that preschool education is an important factor in a child's successful primary and secondary education; and (c) supports the Nationals policy and transfers preschool to the Department of Education and Training where it belongs.
- 450 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$15.9 million for the duplication of Cranbourne-Frankston Road between Warrandyte Road and Centre Road, Langwarrin, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Langwarrin and those people who drive through the area.
- 451 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Brandon Park on 12 July 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030 and its adverse effects on amenity in the area.
- 452 **MR COOPER** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Government of Australia, under the excellent leadership of Prime Minister John Howard, for establishing a free trade agreement with the United States of America, and calls on the Victorian Government to note that this magnificent achievement will, among its many advantages to Australia, enable exports of dairy products to the USA to increase from \$40 million per year to at least \$95 million per year; and (b) urges the Victorian Government to take urgent action to assist the dairy industry of Victoria take full advantage of this increased market.
- 453 **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government over its regional aviation security strategy which falls short of what is needed to ensure appropriate levels of security at regional airports and is piecemeal in its approach and calls on the Federal Government to consult with state police forces about the operation of new security and also to introduce passenger screening, which is the key to ensuring security.
- 454 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House opposes the decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to locate a toxic waste dump at Hattah-Nowingi because — (a) the proposed site is too close to the growing Sunraysia food bowl and hence threatens the vital clean green marketing image of this region; (b) the proposed site is 500 kilometres from Melbourne, the source of this waste, adding significant cost and risk due to the long transport route; and (c) the proposed site is environmentally unsuitable as it is within the Murray-Darling catchment area and is currently home to unique Mallee flora and fauna.

- 455 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House notes that the Howard Government is yet again heading to an election promising a Pakenham bypass and condemns in the strongest terms the Howard Government for its failure to give Victoria its fair share of road funding.
- 456 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a public rally at McMahan Road, Frankston on Sunday 1 August 2004 protesting against the out of centre and out of zone proposal for a bulky goods zone in residential land.
- 457 **MR MILDENHALL** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for its obstructionist approach in not granting telephone intercept powers to the Victorian Ombudsman and calls on the Federal Government to stop playing politics with such a serious issue and give the Ombudsman these powers to assist, rather than obstruct, the State Government's war against crime.
- 458 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to notify the Bass Coast and East Gippsland Shires of her visit to Inverloch on 13 August 2004 and for trying to keep that visit secret from the South Gippsland community.
- 459 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools.
- 460 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for seeking to locate a toxic waste dump within immediate and dangerous proximity to the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 461 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government for its leadership on renewable energy and condemns the Howard Federal Government for its absence of leadership on this important issue.
- 462 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to attend a packed public meeting at Kyneton on 22 August 2004 protesting against the proposed wind farm at Pipers Creek.
- 463 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House congratulates the Government for approving, in June 2004, a \$300,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund towards a pavilion for the hockey field at Berwick Secondary College.
- 464 **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House notes with serious concern the decision of several major investors in significant horticulture projects in the Mildura Region to put these projects on hold because of the ill considered and illogical decision by the city-centric Bracks Labor Government to put Melbourne's toxic waste at Hattah-Nowingi in the Sunraysia food bowl.
- 465 **MR LIM** — To move, That this House notes the failure of the Howard Federal Government to ensure that adequate adjustments mechanisms are in place for regional Victorian communities that are heavily reliant on the textile clothing and footwear industries whilst at the same time unilaterally reducing tariffs on these products.
- 466 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$26.2 million for the duplication of Somerton Road between Hume Highway and west of the rail line, Somerton, including grade separation over the rail line, noting that this funding

will not only reduce traffic congestion and ease the flow of freight, but will also improve road safety for the residents and businesses of Somerton.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 25 AUGUST 2004

- 467 **DR NAPTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the city-centric Bracks Labor Government for failing to provide basic public dental services for those in real need in rural Victoria and notes with concern the fact that public dental waiting lists have increased by 50 per cent since 1999 and that waiting times in country Victoria for public dental care on 30 June 2004 were three years and four months, a massive increase since 1999, and that in Sale, Maryborough, Moe and Ballarat patients are forced to wait over four years and in Portland and Warrnambool the wait is over five years.
- 468 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House — (a) congratulates the Bracks Government for delivering on its 2002 election commitment to provide funds for schools and community partners to build community facilities at schools; (b) congratulates the Minister for Education Services for announcing in June 2004 a \$168,000 contribution from the Community Facilities Fund toward the expansion of the child care service to students who are also parents at Corio Bay Senior College to support them to return to or remain in school; and (c) notes the Bracks Government's strong commitment to opening up schools to broader community use, a commitment which is being backed up with funds to build facilities across the state.
- 469 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for deliberately misleading this House when he stated in question time on 24 August 2004 that the company SGS gave the faulty speed camera on the Monash Freeway and City Link a clean bill of health when in fact SGS found that the faulty cameras were susceptible to electromagnetic interference capable of producing speed reading errors.
- 470 **MR LONEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for being soft on criminals by allowing mobile phones to be used in prisons and calls for the Federal Government to reverse its position and introduce mobile phone jamming legislation to ensure criminals cannot use mobile phones while in prison.
- 471 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Labor Government for its total failure to deliver public housing to the increasing number of Victorians on the public housing waiting list, which in country Victoria has increased for seven quarters in a row, and by 46.8 per cent over the past four years, noting of particular concern the huge increase in the early housing waiting list across all of Victoria, and the attempt by the Minister for Housing to blame the Federal Government which is to be deplored, particularly when it can be shown that the Bracks Labor Government has delivered little compared to other states and is adding fewer and fewer homes to public housing stock as each year passes.
- 472 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$8.9 million for the duplication of Berwick-Cranbourne (Clyde) Road between Greaves Road and Pound Road, Berwick, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Berwick and the people who drive through this area.

- 473 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for failing to front at a march and a packed public meeting and march in Mitcham on 12 June 2004 protesting against the unilateral application of Melbourne 2030, its adverse impact on Mitcham and the high rise residential towers for the Mitcham neighbourhood activity centre.
- 474 **MR DONNELLAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.9 million for the duplication of Hallam Road between Hallam Bypass and James Cook Drive, Endeavour Hills, noting that this funding will not only reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Endeavour Hills and those people who drive through the area.
- 475 **MR MULDER** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Transport for his self interest in relation to the spate of train diversions to and from Spencer Street, Flagstaff, Melbourne Central and Parliament stations, noting that in just one identified period from 18 April to 30 April 2004, only one line on the network escaped diversions resulting in lengthy delays for commuters, that being the Minister's own Epping line to his electorate of Thomstown.
- 476 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Doncaster and his Liberal mates for their total disregard, lack of respect or tolerance for the express wishes of the Somerville school community, or for the rights and values of the local indigenous community, in their decision for a new school to be constructed in a manner that fully incorporates indigenous culture and heritage whilst also maximising learning and career opportunities for Somerville children, in a blatant and ugly attempt to grab a headline at any cost.
- 477 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government and the Minister for Community Services in particular be condemned for their failure to address the crisis in Victoria's kindergartens and recognise the importance of early childhood development to the future of Victoria's children.
- 478 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its decision to reverse the previous Liberal government's intent to sell the site for the new Somerville junior secondary college campus, and for working collaboratively with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs in respect of complying with relevant Federal legislation in its negotiations with indigenous stakeholders, and for listening, then acting, on the needs of the Somerville community as expressed by the Somerville community, and not to some grandstanding liberals hijacking this sensitive situation for political gain.
- 479 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Finance for failing to front at a public rally in Treasury Place on 2 August 2004 comprising builders protesting against the adverse and oppressive impacts of the Government's home warranty insurance system.
- 480 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House congratulates John and Pauline Gandel for their donation of a Sefer Torah to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule on 22 August 2004, noting that the Sefer Torah, which is a biblical scroll containing the five books of Moses, and is used for ritual reading in the synagogue, was presented to the Melbourne Hebrew congregation shule to mark the 70th birthday of John Gandel and thanks the Gandel family for their generosity and says Mazel Tov to John on the occasion of his milestone birthday.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 26 AUGUST 2004

- 481 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Environment for his woefully inadequate resourcing of Victoria's parks and reserves, as highlighted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, who showed that Victoria's per head of population funding of parks and reserves is the lowest of all Australian States.
- 482 **MR WYNNE** — To move, That this House condemns the Member for Caulfield for her callous description on radio on 14 July 2004 of Lion Garden, a \$2 million social housing project to tackle the problem of youth homelessness in inner Melbourne, as a 'waste of money'.
- 483 **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the organisers, product contributors and the volunteers who have made the Mildura Food and Wine Expo a resounding success.
- 484 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for its commitment to the 34 siting criteria developed by the bipartisan Hazardous Waste Committee in 2000, which will ensure that the facility is appropriately designed and located.
- 485 **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Environment and the Bracks Labor Government for breaking election commitments to a rigorous and up-to-date environmental effects statement process, in that it has failed to release since December 2002 the final report and recommendations of the Environment Assessment Review Committee, allowing important projects such as channel deepening and the toxic waste dump to be subject to a flawed and outdated environmental effects statement process.
- 486 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for the half baked confused and confusing debacle that masqueraded as a rural zone review, and which culminated, after up to eight different versions over two years in the June 2004 announcement of new zones, but with no funding, capability studies, obligation or timetable for their implementation and no connection in the community of any material benefit.
- 487 **MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House notes that since coming to office in 1999, the Bracks Government has invested an additional \$283 million in social housing initiatives over and above Victoria's obligations under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.
- 488 **MS BEATTIE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for releasing the design and options paper for Victoria's long term containment facility, calling for the safest and most highly engineered containment facility for industrial waste in Australia.
- 489 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House calls upon the Minister for Community Services to fulfil her commitment to the House to advance the gazettal of the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation.
- 490 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for continuing to raise Victoria's international profile by securing the world's first Intelligent Home Show, to be held in Melbourne from 15–17 October 2004.
- 491 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her failure to show up at the Government's announcement on 25 August 2004 of her own admittedly disgraceful decision to approve the Bald Hills wind farm against the wishes of the South Gippsland community.

- 492 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House recognises the outstanding achievement of the Bracks Government, particularly the Minister for Small Business, in gaining unanimous support from all levels of government in Australia at the recent Small Business Ministerial Council for a resolution ensuring greater coordination between governments in the delivery of services to small businesses.
- 493 **MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That the Bracks Labor Government, and the Minister for Community Services in particular, stand condemned for their failure to live up to their duty of care in relation to the physical health and wellbeing of the residents of Kew Cottages and for putting their financial interests ahead of the interest of those residents of Kew Cottages who are dependant and vulnerable.
- 494 **MS LOBATO** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Government for taking the people in the Upper Yarra for granted and treating them like fools, for announcing a tiny tokenistic gesture apparently to assist in after hours medical services, noting that these people have been screaming for assistance with health services and now, in an election campaign, the cynicism felt by the community towards politicians and that the Federal Government has never cared for people in the Upper Yarra and does not care now.
- 495 **MR LOCKWOOD** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the efforts of the Bracks Government to grow Victoria's ICT industry by working with the industry to refresh the Government's industry plan; and (b) condemns the Federal Government for abandoning Australia's ICT sector by failing to deliver any effective plan to grow this country's ICT industry.
- 496 **MS BUCHANAN** — To move, That This House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government, and in particular the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, for her commitment and collaborative approach to providing opportunities for the youth and long term unemployed in the Hastings electorate through the implementation of the Community Jobs program and the Jobs for Youth People program, noting that in the space of less than 12 months this Government has invested in a record 45 employment and training placements in the Hastings region, providing local people and local businesses with access to locally skilled staff that in turn is providing enormous benefits to the local economy and that this Government has acted on its commitment to provide the residents of the Mornington Peninsula with numerous and tangible employment opportunities that were way overdue because local liberal members had been lazily ignoring the communities they were supposed to be serving.
- 497 **MS MORAND** — To move, That this House — (a) recognises the success of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner (SBC), particularly in mediating disputes in a timely and cost effective way; and (b) notes that the Australian Capital Territory has recently announced that a second Small Business Commissioner in Australia will be created there based on the Victorian legislation.
- 498 **MR INGRAM** — To move —
 That under the powers found in s 33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Services and Development Committee —
 To inquire, consider and report on:
 (1) The economic strength of regional and rural areas, including whether any areas of rural and regional Victoria are disadvantaged and why.

- (2) The impact of current policies from state and federal governments and what assistance or measures could be undertaken to improve the economy, business productivity, attracting investment and creating competitive advantage in the rural Victoria; and with particular respect to:
- (a) the current infrastructure of rural and regional areas and whether they are adequate to meet the needs of those communities;
 - (b) the difficulties facing business and local government authorities operating in rural and regional areas;
 - (c) a review of the current legislation, taxation and government policy to ensure that it is equitably administered and delivered across all areas of Victoria;
 - (d) an investigation of the causes for the large discrepancies of the value of municipal rates and land valuations across the state;
 - (e) a review of the grants commission acts performance in its objective of horizontal equalisation;
 - (f) a review of the impact of the as of right entitlement provisions contained within the state and federal grants commission acts on funding to local government areas;
 - (g) the funding of road and rail infrastructure and services across the state; and
 - (h) solutions to any identified inequities.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2004

- 499 **MR HOWARD** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, five councils will be stripped of at least \$905,132 including — Ballarat City Council \$223,711; Golden Plains Shire \$163,344; Hepburn Shire Council \$162,253; Macedon Ranges Shire Council \$183,347; and Moorabool Shire Council \$172,077.
- 500 **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for her total failure to act to stop the approval of high rise residential towers in a Neighbourhood Activity Centre in Mitcham, despite her own claim that the proposal was not consistent with Melbourne 2030.
- 501 **MS OVERINGTON** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds

promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate Ballarat City Council will be stripped of at least \$223,711.

- 502 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Water for not attending, or sending any of his advisors to a public meeting of 800 people in Shepparton, organised by the Northern Victorian Irrigators Group; had the Minister attended, he would have heard their concerns about the impact the Bracks Government's White Paper on Water would have on the region.
- 503 **MR LOCKWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$517,002 including Knox City Council \$279,818 and Maroondah City Council \$237,689.
- 504 **MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Bracks Government on its repeated broken promise to open a secondary college in Somerville in 2005 and notes the compliance of the Member for Hastings and the Minister for Westernport Province in this disgraceful, drawn out and dishonest issue.
- 505 **MS NEVILLE** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$474,993 including Greater Geelong City Council \$322,158 and Borough of Queenscliffe \$152,835.
- 506 **MR WALSH** — To move, That this House condemns the Deputy Premier for deliberately misleading the public of Victoria over the source of funding for the Wimmera Mallee pipeline project by the Federal Government.
- 507 **MR HUDSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$524,885 including Glen Eira City Council \$257,205 and Kingston City Council \$267,680.

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- 508 **MR DELAHUNTY** (*Lowan*) — To move, That this House congratulates the Federal Coalition on its commitment of \$167 million to fund the Federal Government's one third share of the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline project, and we call on the State Labor Government to increase its funding to meet its share of one third to make this project affordable for the western Victorian community; and we also call on Federal Labor to match the commitment given by the Federal Coalition to the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline as this project will reap tremendous social, environmental and economic benefits for western Victoria.
- 509 **MR CARLI** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, Moreland City Council will be stripped of at least \$268,556.
- 510 **MRS POWELL** — To move, That the Premier urgently meet with a deputation of irrigators from the Goulburn Valley to discuss water pricing and other concerns they have about the Government's water reforms; and the farmers believe these reforms will threaten their livelihood and have a grave impact on the whole of Northern Victoria.
- 511 **MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful renegeing on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, three councils will be stripped of at least \$856,360 including Boroondara City Council \$287,338; Monash City Council \$291,530; and Whitehorse City Council \$277,492.

NOTICES GIVEN ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2004

- 512 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for producing a media release dated 8 September 2004 about the high rise, high density Mitcham Towers and then doctoring that release by changing the date to 5 September 2004, (ie three days earlier), to give the impression the release came before the VCAT determination, rather than as a consequence of it.
- 513 ***MR RYAN** — To move, That this House notes the content of the press release dated 26 February 2004 by the Minister for Water when he said:
'The Bracks Government committed \$77 million to the project in May 2002 and we have been seeking matching Commonwealth funds ever since.'

It is a silly, mealy mouthed excuse to claim that the Federal Government hasn't committed funds because it doesn't know the position of the Victorian Government.

It is a sad example of Victorian National party MPs putting the interests of their party ahead of the interests of the Wimmera Mallee region.

The State Government has reiterated its commitment to the project time and again — we are ready and willing to go — but we have heard nothing from the Federal Government.

The Victorian National and Liberal Parties know that the Victorian Government has made a commitment of \$77 million — yet their Federal colleagues have committed nothing.

They should be demanding John Howard and John Anderson declare whether they are committed to this project, which would bring enormous benefits in water quality and reliability to the region for the environment, farmers and townspeople.'

and calls upon the Minister and the Victorian Government to applaud the joint efforts of the Victorian Nationals to whom the Minister referred, the Federal Nationals Leader, the Hon John Anderson, MP the Federal Coalition and, most particularly, those many individuals and community groups who have worked tirelessly and successfully to secure Federal funding of \$167 million for the WMP and furthermore seeks a commitment from the Victorian Labor Government that it will put politics aside, match the Federal contribution and use its best endeavours to persuade Mr Mark Latham, MP to support this wonderful project.

514 ***MS LINDELL** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, two councils will be stripped of at least \$518,354 including Kingston City Council \$267,680 and Frankston City Council \$250,674.

515 ***MRS SHARDEY** — To move, That this House condemns the Federal Labor Party for its unfair tax policy which would result in many large families on single incomes in the Caulfield electorate being much worse off financially, a situation which Mr Mark Latham, MP is trying to deny, but which he knows to be true.

516 ***MR LIM** — To move, That this House condemns the Hon J Howard, MP and the Hon P Costello, MP for their decision to strip the states of \$1.6 billion of funds earmarked to reward the states for competition reform as both a deceitful reneging on a signed agreement and a penalty on local communities taking away from local councils funds already factored into their budgets for basic community services that Victorian families rely on everyday; more than \$16 million of funding to local government will be lost forever; to suddenly remove funds promised to local councils will deny communities the services they deserve and is another example of how the Hon John Howard, MP cannot be trusted; in my electorate, three councils will be stripped of at least \$820,586 including City of Greater Dandenong \$261,376, Kingston City Council \$267,680 and Monash City Council \$291,530.

- 517 ***MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Planning for producing a media release that was sent to the Boroondara Progress Leader that included two paragraphs referring to residential development at Camberwell Railway Station and alleged support for the project among residents and then doctoring that release by omitting two paragraphs and making that release the one publicly available on the government website.
- 518 ***MR DIXON** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for her failure to intervene in the governance debacle of RMIT which culminated in the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Ruth Dunkin.
- 519 ***MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the Labor Government for its failure to honour its public commitments in the lead up to an election to build the Dingley by-pass.
- 520 ***MS ECKSTEIN** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Government for providing \$9.3 million for the duplication of about two kilometres of Wellington Road between Taylors Lane and Napoleon Road, noting that this will not only significantly reduce traffic congestion, but will also improve road safety for the residents of Rowville and Lysterfield in my electorate.
- 521 ***MR STENSHOLT** — To move, That this House commends the Bracks Government and the Glen Iris community of students, teachers, parents and families on the completion of Stage 1 of the refurbishment of Glen Iris Primary School.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*26 February 2003*) — Relating to Government sponsored Home Loan Schemes — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 2 **PUBLIC LAND — POINT NEPEAN** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (*27 March 2003*) — Relating to public land at Point Nepean — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 3 **CHURCH NURSING HOME, BLYTH STREET, BRUNSWICK** — Petition presented by the Member for Brunswick (*30 April 2003*) — Relating to the closure of Church Nursing Home in Blyth Street, Brunswick — To be considered (*Mr Carli*).
- 4 **EMERGENCY HELICOPTER SERVICE IN WARRNAMBOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*1 May, 16 September 2003 and 4 May 2004*) — Relating to a multifunction emergency helicopter rescue service being established in Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 5 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT — ESTATE AGENTS GUARANTEE FUND** — Summary of the Report of the Ombudsman on the investigation into allegations of a conspiracy between members of the then Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Department of Justice to defraud the Estate Agents Guarantee Fund — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 6 **DEER PARK BYPASS AND WESTERN RING ROAD LINK AT FITZGERALD ROAD, SUNSHINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Derrimut (*8 May 2003*) — Relating to the link between the Deer Park Bypass and Western Ring Road at Fitzgerald Road, Sunshine — To be considered (*Mr Languiller*).

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- 7 **THE PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE, BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Plains Community Centre incorporating a kindergarten and maternal health centre for Bannockburn and district — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 8 **NATIONAL PARK, OTWAY RANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (20 May 2003) — Relating to the Government not supporting the creation of a large single national park in the Otway Ranges — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 9 **TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 June 2003) — Relating to the Torquay Primary School site in Bristol Road, Torquay — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 10 **CROSSING SUPERVISION AT KING STREET, EAST DONCASTER/TEMPLESTOWE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to providing crossing supervision at King Street, near the intersection of Greenridge Avenue, East Doncaster/Templestowe — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 11 **SOUND WALL HEIGHTS ADJACENT TO ROBINSON COURT, DONVALE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (4 June 2003) — Relating to the sound wall heights adjacent to Robinson Court, Donvale — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 12 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — RMIT'S FINANCES, JUNE 2003** — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 13 **COMMUNITY BASED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (5 June 2003) — Relating to reinstating the Community Based Employment Program for agencies that are engaged in ethnospecific multicultural job placement service delivery — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 14 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN BARWON HEADS, OCEAN GROVE AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (26 August 2003) — Relating to a review of public transport services in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove and the rest of the Bellarine Peninsula — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 15 **NOISE BARRIERS — EASTERN FREEWAY AND KEW GARDENS ESTATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (27 August 2003) — Requesting noise barriers be erected along the borders between the Eastern Freeway and Kew Gardens Estate — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 16 **CUTS FOR DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27, 28 August, 18 September and 26 November 2003) — Relating to the cuts proposed for Disability and Community Services 2003–2006 through productivity savings — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 17 **PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL PAYMENTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 August 2003) — Requesting the Government to reverse its decision on the increase in the percentage threshold for public housing rental payments — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

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- 18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 19 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND MOOROODUC ROAD, MOOROODUC** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*27 August 2003*) — Relating to improving the safety of the intersection at Bentons Road and Moorooduc Road, Moorooduc — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 20 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Leader of the Opposition (*28 August and 29 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Doyle*).
- 21 **DEVILBEND RESERVOIR, MORNINGTON PENINSULA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*28 August 2003*) — Relating to retaining the Devilbend Reservoir in public ownership — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 22 **POLICE NUMBERS IN KENNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Bendigo East (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to allocating more police members in the suburb of Kennington — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 23 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (EASTERN AND SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to the Government honouring its pre-election commitment and policy not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston Freeway — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 24 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 25 **DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September, 8 October and 27 November 2003*) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 26 **SAFETY — INTERSECTION OF BAY AND BLUFF ROADS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*16 September 2003*) — Relating to taking measures to improve safety of all road users and to protect adjacent properties at the intersection of Bay and Bluff Roads, Sandringham — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 27 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT — PARLIAMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE** — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 28 **SENIOR CARD HOLDERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to bringing concessions available to Senior Card holders in line with concessions available with other States — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 29 **MONASH BIRTH CENTRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*17 and 18 September 2003*) — Relating to ensuring that the Monash Birth Centre remains at the Moorabbin Campus — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).

- 30 **PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS — RENTAL PAYMENT** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*17 September 2003*) — Relating to reversing the decision to increase rental payments for many public housing tenants — To be considered (*Mr Maughan*).
- 31 **PETER ROSS-EDWARDS CAUSEWAY BETWEEN SHEPPARTON AND MOOROOPNA** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September, 16 October and 26 November 2003*) — Relating to enhancing road safety and improved traffic flow on the Peter Ross-Edwards Causeway between Shepparton and Mooroopna — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 32 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to deferring the finalisation of the Melbourne 2030 Urban Growth Boundary until certain properties in the Shire of Nillumbik are included within its border — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 33 **PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN GREENVALE AND SUBURBS**— Petition presented by the Member for Yuroke (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to improved public transport services be provided in Greenvale and surrounding suburbs — To be considered (*Ms Beattie*).
- 34 **METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service in the Bayside area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 35 **ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE IN THE GIPPSLAND AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Morwell (*18 September 2003*) — Relating to the high incidence of asbestos related disease in the Gippsland area — To be considered (*Mr Jenkins*).
- 36 **INTERSECTION OF MITCHELLS LANE AND HORNE STREET, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*18 September 2003*) — Requesting that a roundabout be constructed by VicRoads as an urgent priority, at the intersection of Mitchells Lane and Horne Street, Sunbury — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 37 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).
- 38 **CHILD EMPLOYMENT ON VICTORIAN FARMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Kew (*7 October 2003*) — Relating to the Government acting to exempt families on farms, including extended families, from any requirement to obtain a child employment permit to employ family children on Victorian farms — To be considered (*Mr McIntosh*).
- 39 **NORTH ROAD, CLAYTON AND OAKLEIGH EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Clayton (*7 and 8 October 2003*) — Requesting that a service lane be constructed on the north and south sides of North Road, Clayton and Oakleigh East — To be considered (*Mr Lim*).
- 40 **BOX HILL INSTITUTE OF TAFE SITE, DONCASTER EAST** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*8 October 2003*) — Relating to opposing the proposed redevelopment of the former Box Hill Institute of TAFE site in Deep Creek Road, Doncaster East — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).

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- 41 **DUTSON DOWNS, GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (15 October 2003) — Relating to the rejection of any proposal for the establishment of a soil recycling facility and/or a toxic waste dump at Dutson Downs in Gippsland — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 42 **AQUATIC CENTRE FOR FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 October 2003) — Requesting the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 43 **HOUSING RENTAL REBATE POLICY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to amending the rental rebate policy so that all public housing tenants will pay the rebate rent at the rate of 23 per cent of total household income — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 44 **CUTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (16 October 2003) — Relating to exempting community services such as family support, children's services, services to people with disabilities, alcohol and drug counselling services and housing support, from planned cuts — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 45 **FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ON DISABILITY AND IMPAIRMENTS PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Forest Hill (16 October 2003) — Relating to maintaining the current level of funding to each student on the Disability and Impairments Program — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 46 **VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT FOUNTAIN GATE** — Petition presented by the Member for Cranbourne (28 October 2003) — Requesting that the Victorian School of Languages at Fountain Gate not be relocated at Lyndale Secondary College, North Dandenong — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 47 **'THE GAP' CAMPING GROUND AT WARATAH BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (29 October 2003) — Relating to retaining 'The Gap' camping ground at Waratah Bay — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 48 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Bayswater (30 October, 20 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Lockwood*).
- 49 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).
- 50 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms McTaggart*).
- 51 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (30 October, 6, 20 November 2003 and 4 March 2004) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Eckstein*).
- 52 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Yan Yean (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Green*).

- 53 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Kilsyth (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Ms Beard*).
- 54 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Monbulk (30 October 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered (*Mr Merlino*).
- 55 **KYNETON-BENDIGO AND WATERGARDENS-BENDIGO RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (5 November 2003) — Relating to retaining the double rail track between Kyneton and Bendigo and ensuring that any sleepers ordered for the upgrading of the Watergardens to Bendigo rail line be capable of being gauge converted — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 56 **KNOX CITY COUNCIL** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (18 and 26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House sacks the Knox City Council and institutes fresh elections as soon as possible — To be considered — (*Mr Wells*).
- 57 **MELBOURNE 2030 URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY — INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (20 November 2003) — Requesting that the House does not ratify Amendment No C27 to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme until its impact on stakeholders is fully investigated — To be considered — (*Mrs Powell*).
- 58 **WORKCOVER FUNDING — GOVERNMENT SCHOOL BUDGETS 2004** — Petition presented by the Member for Ivanhoe (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the House intercedes with the Minister for Education Services and the Minister for WorkCover to withdraw the unfair and arbitrary arrangements for the funding of WorkCover that have been put in place in government school budgets for 2004 — To be considered — (*Mr Perton*).
- 59 **ERADICATION OF FOXES, BAYSIDE AND MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREAS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to control and, if necessary, eradicate foxes from the Bayside area and across the Melbourne metropolitan area — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 60 **FUNDING CUTS TO SCHOOL SPORTING BODIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes under the proposed funding cuts to school sporting bodies and injects needed funds into school sport in order to keep Victorian school children healthy and active through involvement in sport — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).
- 61 **BEACH RENOURISHMENT WORKS, SANDRINGHAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government provides funds for beach renourishment works to preserve and protect one of the great beach and scenic areas of Melbourne — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 62 **POSSUMS, CITY OF BAYSIDE** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action to address the concerns of residents in relation to the large possum population in the City of Bayside — To be considered — (*Mr Thompson*).

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- 63 **VTV4 NEWS — SBS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (26 and 27 November 2003) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to redress the concerns of the Victorian Vietnamese Community regarding the inaccurate and unbalanced reporting and news coverage on SBS in its broadcast of VTV4 news — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 64 **SHOP TRADING HOURS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (27 November 2003) — Relating to rejecting any legislation to extend trading on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 65 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (27 November 2003 and 2 March 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 66 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (27 November 2003, 2 March and 21 April 2004) — Requesting that the House does not introduce a financial cap to the multi purpose taxi program and that any proposed legislation be delayed until such time as full and proper consultation has been held with stakeholders — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 67 **SUNBURY SPORTS GROUNDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (3 March 2004) — Requesting that recycled watering systems at sports grounds in Sunbury be installed — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).
- 68 **WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT BADDAGINNIE** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government rejects any proposal for the establishment of a waste management facility at Baddaginnie — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 69 **WARLEY HOSPITAL, PHILLIP ISLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (4 March and 1 April 2004) — Requesting that the Government meets its health funding obligations for Warley Hospital on Phillip Island and promptly assists in the proper funding of its Accident and Emergency Department to prevent its threatened closure — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 70 **THOMSON AND MACALISTER RIVER SYSTEMS** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the Government ensures any increased environmental flow for the Thomson and Macalister river systems is sourced from proven water savings, generated from government-funded investments to improve efficiency of water delivery systems or other water sources, with no adverse impact on irrigators' existing entitlements which include water rights, sales water and licensed volumes — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
- 71 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (31 March 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

- 72 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 73 **MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — PROPOSED CHANGES** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House rescinds the proposed changes to the Multi Purpose Taxi Program and maintains the current level of subsidy — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 74 **TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, PITTONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Ripon (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) takes urgent steps to ensure that the proposed toxic waste disposal facility at Pittong does not proceed; and (b) considers other locations — To be considered (*Mr Helper*).
- 75 **IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes urgent action to ensure that the future prosperity of the State's irrigated agriculture and major export sector is not under threat — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 76 **PLANNING AMENDMENT TO URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY C27** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that the House as an urgent priority, takes action to correct the new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the land of the materially impacted stakeholders of Ironbark Road, Diamond Creek and Pioneer Road, Yarrambat in the Shire of Nillumbik, within its borders — To be considered (*Mrs Powell*).
- 77 **INTERSECTION OF BAXTER–TOORADIN, FULTONS AND HAWKINS ROADS, BAXTER** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*31 March 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to make the black spot intersection of Baxter–Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Roads in Baxter safer before lives are lost or serious injury occurs at the location — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 78 ***CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (*1 April and 15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons its intention to sell, lease or in any way make available the land and air space surrounding Camberwell Railway Station for development, and thus retains the heritage station and the public open space for the enjoyment of all, now and in the future — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 79 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- 80 **67 BARKLY STREET, MORNINGTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*1 April 2004*) — Requesting that urgent action is taken to stop the historic building known as 67 Barkly Street Mornington being demolished for car parking or inappropriate development, as planned by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 81 **BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland East (*21 April and 4 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls on the Government to provide adequate WIES (weighted inlier equivalent separations) funding to

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service to ensure that these surgical services are reinstated and remain at Bairnsdale Hospital — To be considered (*Mr Ingram*).

- 82 **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (*21 April, 4 May and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw or redraft the new prohibited weapons legislation to — (a) allow private citizens to own swords free from onerous regulations that restrict ownership, display and storage; and (b) enforce harsh penalties for any criminal use of swords — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 83 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BENTONS ROAD AND NEPEAN HIGHWAY, MT MARTHA** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bentons Road and Nepean Highway, Mt Martha — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 84 **MITCHAM-FRANKSTON (SCORESBY) FREEWAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*21 April, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27 May, 1, 2, 3 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures that the Government honours its pre-election commitment and policy as pledged to the citizens of Victoria not to introduce tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston (Scoresby) Freeway and immediately reverses its decision to impose these tolls — To be considered — (*Mr Cooper*).
- 85 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 86 **TOXIC WASTE FACILITY — OUYEN AREA** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons its proposal to place a toxic waste facility in the Ouyen area — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 87 **SPORTS STADIUM — CORANGAMITE SHIRE** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (*21 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government gives favourable consideration to the Corangamite Shire's application for funding of the sports stadium project currently before the Department of Sport and Recreation — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 88 **MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Eltham (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) acts to provide Montmorency South Primary School immediate funding for the provision of two new modular 5 classrooms and associated works so that existing unsafe modular 2 classrooms can be removed from the school site; and (b) following provision of the modular 5 classrooms, that the School's master plan be implemented to provide four permanent classrooms, an art room and a multi purpose room — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 89 **SPECIALIST EARLY INTERVENTION THERAPY FOR AUTISTIC PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** — Petition presented by the Member for Ferntree Gully (*22 April 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to reinstate funding to provide autistic preschool children with a minimum of 15 hours per week of specialist early intervention therapy in accordance with the advice from Paediatricians and Early Intervention Specialists who hold grave concerns for the welfare of Victoria's autistic children — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 90 **FOXHOUNDS AND CROSSBREEDS** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw the current regulation relating to foxhounds and their crossbreeds and introduces a grandfather or sunset clause to allow citizens to use their foxhounds and crossbreeds that are currently registered with approved organisations until the year 2015 — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 91 **RURAL CONSERVATION ZONE, METROPOLITAN PLANNING SCHEME** — Petition presented by the Member for Warrandyte (4 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not approve the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) to replace the existing Environmental Rural Zone (ERZ) in the Metropolitan Planning Scheme — To be considered (*Mr Honeywood*).
- 92 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (4 May and 24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to withdraw and redraft the new rural planning zones and introduce a planning system that — (a) strikes a fairer balance between the need to preserve prime agricultural land and acknowledgement of the rights of landowners; (b) does not impinge on a landowner's rights to retire with dignity; (c) encourages young people to take up farming; and (d) gives local government flexibility in the determination of subdivisions and use of rural land — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 93 **RURAL PLANNING ZONES** — Petition presented by the Member for Hawthorn (6 May 2004) — Requesting that the House does not proceed with the introduction of the proposed new zonings in rural areas — To be considered (*Mr Baillieu*).
- 94 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Scoresby (11 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Wells*).
- 95 **AQUATIC CENTRE IN FRANKSTON** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (25 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government, in consultation with Frankston City Council and local community groups, facilitates the building of an aquatic centre in Frankston — To be considered (*Mr Harkness*).
- 96 **CONSUMER AND TENANCY ADVISORY SERVICES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House reinstates forthwith the consumer and tenancy advisory services in Portland, Hamilton and Warrnambool — To be considered (*Dr Naphine*).
- 97 **LAND TAX ON CARAVAN PARKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May and 26 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government abolishes land tax from caravan parks as a matter of extreme urgency — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 98 **PENSIONER CONCESSION ON CAR REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 99 **COUNCIL HOUSE VALUATION FREEZE FOR PENSIONERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (26 May 2004) — Requesting that the House makes the necessary legislative changes so that the value of a house freezes at the time a person becomes a pensioner, in order that the rates levied by the Council to provide services and facilities for the municipality can be distributed between a pensioner and a new owner and not between areas within the

municipality, ensuring that a pensioner will not become asset rich and income poor through no fault of his own — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

- 100 **DUTY SUPERVISOR AT MENTONE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government takes immediate steps to provide a supervisor on duty at the Mentone Station and control crowded platforms between the hours of 7.30 am to 9.00 am and 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm five days each week — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 101 **SANDRINGHAM POLICE STATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the Government fulfils an earlier election promise and builds a new Sandringham Police Station during the current parliament — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 102 **HIGH CARE RESIDENTS IN VICTORIAN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (*26 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House makes certain that amendments made to the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations ensure that high care residents in Victorian residential aged care facilities, who are incapable of administering their own medication, have their prescription medication and dangerous drugs administered only by a registered nurse or medical practitioner — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 103 **WATER RIGHTS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (*27 May 2004*) — Requesting that the House requires the Government to — (a) take a cautious approach to redirecting water from irrigators to the environment; (b) specify how additional water for environmental flows will be used and accounted for and clearly explain the expected benefits to river health; (c) ensure there are no adverse implications for farmers or Victorian communities as a result of the Government's proposals to claw back water for river health; and (d) fully and fairly compensate water users for any reduction in access to water resources they have historically enjoyed — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 105 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 106 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*1 June and 24 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 107 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 108 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES NEW INCREASE** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*2 June 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the proposal of the new increase of \$78.50 for car registration for Victorian pensioners which will detrimentally impact upon those who are financially unable to pay — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).

- 109 **BENDIGO-KYNETON RAIL TRACKS** — Petition presented by the Member for Polwarth (2 June 2004) — Requesting that the two rail tracks between Bendigo and Kyneton be retained so that a reliable, dependable, frequent and efficient rail service exists, providing a high level of safety for both passenger and freight services — To be considered (*Mr Mulder*).
- 110 **INDEPENDENT INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY CORRUPTION WITHIN VICTORIA POLICE** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (3 June 2004) — Requesting that the House commences proceedings for the establishment of an independent inquiry or Royal Commission to identify and eliminate corruption within the Victorian Police and ensures that guilty officers are charged with any offences arising from the inquiry or Royal Commission — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 111 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS — INTERSECTION OF BULLEEN ROAD AND GOLDEN WAY, BULLEEN** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (3 June 2004) — Requesting that the House ensures the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bulleen Road and Golden Way, Bulleen, as a matter of urgency and public safety — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 112 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (3 June and 26 August 2004) — Requesting that the House abandons immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Napthine*).
- 113 ***MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (3 June and 15 September 2004) — Requesting that the Government reverses its decision to halve the pensioner concession on car registration fees — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- 114 **WILD DOG NUMBERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (3 June 2004) — Requesting that the positions of Dogmen George Thompson and Jeff Toland be made permanent at the completion of their contract at the end of June 2004, as the safety, health and wellbeing of the environment of both the public and private lands depends on wild dog numbers being controlled — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 115 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 116 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 117 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCING AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to — (a) recognise and respect the qualifications of preschool teachers, their work and the value of preschool education; (b) aim to retain and attract more preschool teachers to tackle teacher shortages (especially in rural areas); and (c) provide appropriate resources to provide salary parity and to fund preschools adequately — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).

- 118 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Lowan (24 August and 14 September 2004) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Delahunty, Lowan*).
- 119 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benalla (24 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Dr Sykes*).
- 120 ***IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICES FOR SANDRINGHAM LINE** — Petition presented by the Member for Brighton (25, 26 August, 14 and 15 September 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to improve train services on the Sandringham line — To be considered (*Ms Asher*).
- 121 **SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government keeps its promise to the community and urgently commences work on the Somerville Secondary College as a matter of vital importance — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 122 **POLICE STATION IN SOMERVILLE — FUNDED FROM ADDITIONAL RESOURCES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the Government urgently funds the establishment of a fully manned, 24 hour a day, police station in Somerville to service the local and surrounding communities as a matter of vital importance, with the funding being in addition to, not in place of existing funding for police resources on the Peninsula and Western Port — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- 123 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House urges the Government to abandon immediately the introduction of motor vehicle registration fees on low and fixed income people — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 124 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House – (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 125 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Swan Hill (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Walsh*).
- 126 **LAWN BOWLS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Nepean (25 August 2004) — Requesting that the legislation pertaining to the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* be amended so as to enable lawn bowls clubs and associations to conduct events designated as single gender events and/or mixed gender events, whenever desired and appropriate, and that when appropriate all these events continue in the same form to the State Championship level — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

- 127 **NORTH ASPENDALE BEACH** — Petition presented by the Member for Carrum (*25 August 2004*) — Requesting that the Government, in conjunction with the City of Kingston, provides expertise and funding to restore and protect the sand dunes and to renourish and secure the beach at North Aspendale as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of the public and foreshore residents — To be considered (*Ms Lindell*).
- 128 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Shepparton (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Powell*).
- 129 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*26 August 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).
- 130 **TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN EASTERN AND TULLAMARINE FREEWAYS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bulleen (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the Government — (a) proceeds with planning and construction of a tunnel to link the Eastern and Tullamarine Freeways; and (b) considers other road proposals including tunnelled lanes under Hoddle Street and Punt Road — To be considered (*Mr Kotsiras*).
- 131 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Ms Neville*).
- 132 **NETTING IN PORT PHILLIP BAY** — Petition presented by the Member for Bellarine (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House takes preventative and immediate action to ban netting in Port Phillip Bay and therefore ceasing any further environmental damage — To be considered (*Ms Neville*).
- 133 **MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House calls upon the Minister for Agriculture and the Government to — (a) abandon its plans to move the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market from its current location; and (b) cease any further expensive consultants reports into the proposed relocation — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).
- 134 **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bass (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Smith*).

- 135 **DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN PP-145, PARISH OR BEECHWORTH** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) calls for a moratorium on any decisions regarding draft development plan PP—145 covering 33 Lot Subdivision of Lot PS329721D and Crown Allotment 9A, Section 1, Parish of Beechworth, Fighting Gully Road, Beechworth until an environmental impact, social and economic study has been completed for this area within the Indigo Shire; and (b) introduces the need for environmental impact studies to be conducted in any new developments within rural Victoria prior to planning approval — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- 136 **TUNNEL LINK BETWEEN EASTERN AND TULLAMARINE FREEWAYS** — Petition presented by the Member for Doncaster (*14 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House ensures the Government — (a) proceeds with planning and construction of a tunnel to link the Eastern and Tullamarine Freeways; and (b) considers other road proposals including tunnelled lanes under Hoddle Street and Punt Road — To be considered (*Mr Perton*).
- 137 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 138 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for South-West Coast (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; and (c) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Dr Naphthine*).
- 139 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — RESOURCES AND TEACHERS' CONDITIONS** — Petition presented by the Member for Narracan (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises the value of preschool education and teachers; (b) ensures that preschools are resourced adequately; (c) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; and (d) moves responsibility for preschools to the Department of Education and Training — To be considered (*Mr Maxfield*).
- 140 ***SANDRINGHAM LINE RAIL COMMUTERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the Government instigates immediate action so that Sandringham line commuters are not left stranded on station platforms — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 141 ***MULTI PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM — ANNUAL CAP** — Petition presented by the Member for Sandringham (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the Government abandons the changes to the multi purpose taxi program and in particular the annual cap of \$550 for a wide range of service users, which are going to detrimentally impact upon the elderly and infirm members of our community on a continuing basis — To be considered (*Mr Thompson*).
- 142 ***PRESCHOOL EDUCATION — TEACHERS' CONDITIONS, FUNDING AND VOLUNTEERS** — Petition presented by the Member for Hastings (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the House — (a) recognises that preschool is an educational experience and moves responsibility to the Department of Education and Training; (b) offers preschool teachers pay parity, reasonable workload and appropriate group sizes; (c) fully funds preschool positions

to make preschool education a right and not an expensive choice; and (d) alleviates unacceptable workloads for volunteer parents and teachers — To be considered (*Ms Buchanan*).

- 143 ***GOONAWARRA GOLF COURSE, SUNBURY** — Petition presented by the Member for Macedon (*15 September 2004*) — Requesting that the Government ensures that the Goonawarra Golf Course in Sunbury stays at its present site and that no housing development will be built on the site — To be considered (*Ms Duncan*).

R W PURDEY
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DEPUTY SPEAKER — Mr Loney.

ACTING SPEAKERS — Ms Barker, Ms Campbell, Mr Cooper, Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Ingram, Mr Jasper, Mr Kotsiras, Mr Languiller, Ms Lindell, Mr Nardella, Mr Savage, Mr Seitz, Mr Smith, Mr Thompson.

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DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Ms Marshall, Mr Maxfield, Dr Sykes and Mr Wells.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty (*Lowan*), Mr Jenkins, Ms Morand and Mr Robinson.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JOINT) — Ms Eckstein, Mr Herbert, Mr Kotsiras, Ms Munt and Mr Perton.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Ms Duncan, Ms Lindell and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Ms McTaggart, Ms Neville, Mrs Powell, Mrs Shardey and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Speaker (*ex-officio*), Mr Cooper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr Maughan, Mr Savage and Mr Smith.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Ms Beard, Mr Hudson, Mr Lupton and Mr Maughan.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Speaker, Mr Carli, Mrs Powell, Mr Seitz and Mr Thompson.

OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Baillieu, Ms Buchanan, Mr Dixon, Mr Nardella and Mr Smith.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Herbert, Mr Honeywood, Ms Lindell, Mr Lupton, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Perton and Mr Stensholt.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Campbell, Mr Clark, Mr Donnellan, Ms Green and Mr Merlino.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Harkness, Mr Langdon, Mr Mulder and Mr Trezise.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Crutchfield, Mr Hardman, Mr Ingram, Dr Napthine and Mr Walsh.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms D'Ambrosio, Mr Jasper, Mr Leighton, Mr Lockwood, Mr McIntosh, Mr Perera and Mr Thompson.

STANDING ORDERS — Speaker, Ms Campbell, Mr Dixon, Mr Helper, Mr Loney, Mr Plowman and Mrs Powell.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

Sessional orders were adopted by the House on 26 February 2003 and amended on 16 September 2003, 28 October 2003 and 3 March 2004.

On 4 March 2004 all sessional orders, except Sessional Order 1 (set out below), were rescinded.

1 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING

Unless otherwise ordered, the House will meet each Tuesday at 2.00 pm, and each Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.