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Wednesday, 14 April 2010

Housing: answer to question on notice 1117g

1412. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Housing: Why was the answer to question on notice 1117g, signed by the Minister on 5 June 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The time between the signing of a response and when it is actually tabled differs from question to question.

There was a delay in the tabling of the response mentioned in your question.

Housing: answer to question on notice 1044g

1421. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing: Why was the answer to question on notice 1044g, signed by the Minister on 13 May 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The time between the signing of a response and when it is actually tabled differs from question to question.

There was a delay in the tabling of the response mentioned in your question.

Treasurer: entertainment expenses

1604. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Treasurer and ministerial staff in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, incurred by the Treasurer and ministerial staff in 2007–08 was \$1024.46. This also includes expenditure on fruit.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: sporting facility funding

1792. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the Government's pre election commitment to allocate \$3.25 million for five new basketball and netball stadiums and \$6.8 million for sporting organisations —

- (1) Have the basketball and netball stadiums been built; if so, where are they located.

- (2) How much was allocated to individual sporting organisations as a result of the commitment and for what purpose was each grant made in —
- (a) 2006–07; and
 - (b) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Funding of \$3.25m to develop five basketball and netball stadiums was committed to as part of the 2006 State Election. The status and location of these stadiums are as follows:
- The Altona Sports Centre is located on Queens Street, Altona Meadows. Construction of the redevelopment is complete with the Centre officially opened on 28 October 2008.
 - The Moe Newborough Sports Centre is located on Old Sale Road, Newborough. Construction of the extension was completed in October 2009.
 - The Broadmeadows Leisure Centre is located on the corner of Pearcedale Parade and Dimboola Road, Broadmeadows. Construction is complete with the official opening in October 2009.
 - The Casey Basketball Stadium will be located next to the Timbarra Primary School, Parkhill Drive, Berwick. The stadium will be constructed as part of the Timbarra Secondary College announced in the 2009/2010 State Government Budget. The design and construction of this facility is being managed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
 - The Montmorency Sports Stadium will be located at the Montmorency Secondary College, Para Road, Montmorency. Construction of the stadium is expected to begin in early 2010.
- (2) The allocation of \$6.8m made available to sporting organisations, will be expended over a number of financial years. The allocation for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years is detailed below.
- **Supporting Grassroots Sport:** provision of one-off funding for State Sporting Associations (SSAs) to increase sports participation \$740,000 (2006/07), \$479,000 (2007-08).
 - **Moving Athletics Forward:** provision of funding to Athletics Victoria to increase participation, improve coach education and address attrition from junior to senior athletics \$600,000 (2006/2007), \$300,000 (2007/2008).
 - **Relocation of Netball Australia:** provision of funding to establish a national headquarters in Melbourne for Netball Australia \$225,000 (2007/08).
 - **Project Beijing:** provision of one-off funding to the Victorian Institute of Sport to work with Regional Academies of Sport to identify emerging talent and enhance pathways for talented juniors \$500,000 (2006/2007), \$500,000 (2007/2008).
 - **Support for the Olympic Games Movement:** provision of seed funding to establish a philanthropic trust in Melbourne to support the development of athletes in developing Pacific countries and support the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics \$500,000 (2006/2007).
 - **Australian Masters Games – Geelong:** provision of funding for the organisation and promotion of the event \$200,000 (2006/2007).
 - **Supporting Surfing Victoria:** provision of one-off funding to assist in maintaining an office presence and community information service at Phillip Island and Torquay \$200,000 (2006/2007).
 - **Regional Track Cycling:** provision of one-off funding to promote regional track cycling at Ballarat Sebastopol Track Cycling \$33,000 (2006/07).
 - **Support for Drought Affected Oval:** provision of funding in partnership with Local Government Authorities and sporting organisations to support drought affected ovals \$482,000 (2006/2007), \$15,000 (2007/2008).
 - **Team Melbourne:** provision of funding to establish shared team facilities and joint marketing efforts for the major football codes \$100,000 (2006/2007), \$200,000 (2007/2008)

- **Lawn Bowls:** provision of funding to support the Darebin International Sports Centre upgrade and major events \$500,000 (2007/2008).

Housing: Warrandyte electorate

2041. **Mr SMITH** (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to the Federal Government’s commitment to fund seven new public housing units on sites chosen by the State Government in the electorate of Warrandyte —

- (1) Will the units be —
 - (a) newly built;
 - (b) existing housing units to be purchased by the Department of Human Services; or
 - (c) a mixture of these options.
- (2) What determinates will be used to select appropriate sites for the units.
- (3) Once sites are confirmed, in what manner will the selection be made public to the local community.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to the Federal Government’s commitment to fund seven new public housing units on sites chosen by the State Government in the electorate of Warrandyte —

- (1) These seven homes in Warrandyte are proposed to be newly built.
- (2) The site for the seven homes has been selected by an Office of Housing Panel, with selection based on a competitive assessment of proposals. The panel’s assessment is based on selection criteria which are publicly available. The selection criteria for stage one of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan includes:
 - price/value for money
 - project delivery time frames by June 2010
 - location that addresses priority areas of interest
 - accessibility and sustainability outcomes.
- (3) Victoria is currently finalising arrangements with the Commonwealth regarding release of the information to interested parties such as the local community.

Education: Better Schools Today program

2194. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the money allocated in the 2009–10 State Budget under the “Better Schools Today” program —

- (1) How do schools qualify for the \$26 million Government grant.
- (2) How do schools qualify for the \$300,000 to \$500,000 individual grant under the program to modernise and upgrade school education facilities.
- (3) What provision has been made for Sandringham Primary School under the program and other Sandringham electorate schools.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Information for schools and members of the public is available at this link on the DEECD website:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/infrastructure/buildingprogram/policy.htm>
- (2) The allocation of funds under the Better Schools Today program is determined based on recommendations from the region on a needs basis region wide.
- (3) Sandringham Primary School has not received any funds under this program in the 2009-10 budget.

Treasurer: entertainment expenses

2251. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to the Treasurer and ministerial staff in 2008–09 —

- (1) What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken.
- (2) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred.
- (3) What expenses were incurred for the purchase of alcohol.

ANSWER:

I am informed that with reference to the Treasurer and ministerial staff:

- (1) The cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel in 2008-09 was \$33 291.20.
- (2) The cost of entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, in 2008-09 was \$177.51.
- (3) No expenses were incurred for the purchase of alcohol in 2008-09.

Treasurer: land tax

2265. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

- (1) How many taxpayers paid land tax in 2008.
- (2) What is the estimated number of taxpayers who will pay land tax in 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Around 180 000 land owners paid land tax in 2008
- (2) It is estimated that approximately 215 000 land owners will pay land tax in 2009.

Community services: supported accommodation — Barwon-south western region

2484. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;

- (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Barwon South West region was:
- (a) 17 in 2007/08;
- (b) 34 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
- (a) in 2007/08 was zero;
- (b) in 2008/09 was 1.

Community services: supported accommodation — eastern metropolitan region

2485. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
- (a) 2007/08;
- (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
- (a) 2007/08;
- (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Eastern Metropolitan region was:
- (a) 54 in 2007/08;
- (b) 75 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
- (a) in 2007/08 was 1;
- (b) in 2008/09 was 3.

Community services: supported accommodation — southern metropolitan region

2486. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
- (a) 2007/08;
- (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:

- (a) 2007/08;
- (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Southern Metropolitan region was:
 - (a) 71 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 64 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 1;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was zero.

Community services: supported accommodation — north and west metropolitan region

2487. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the North West Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the North West Metropolitan region was:
 - (a) 48 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 78 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 3;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was 19.

Community services: supported accommodation — Gippsland region

2488. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Gippsland region was:
 - (a) 18 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 21 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 4;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was 8.

Community services: supported accommodation — Grampians region

2489. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Grampians region was:
 - (a) 23 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 35 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 1;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was zero.

Community services: supported accommodation — Hume region

2490. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Hume region was:
 - (a) 21 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 24 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was zero;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was 1.

Community services: supported accommodation — Loddon Mallee region

2491. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.
- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in the Loddon Mallee region was:
 - (a) 17 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 26 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 3;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was 5.

Community services: supported accommodation

2492. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to new and rejected requests for shared supported accommodation:

- (1) How many new requests were received in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

- (2) How many requests were rejected in:
 - (a) 2007/08;
 - (b) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of new requests for shared supported accommodation in Victoria was:
 - (a) 269 in 2007/08;
 - (b) 357 in 2008/09.
- (2) Of these, the number of rejected requests:
 - (a) in 2007/08 was 13;
 - (b) in 2008/09 was 37.

Public transport: rail — Murrayville line

2507. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Public Transport — will the railway be upgraded to the South Australian border, rather than halted on the western outskirts of Murrayville, in order to allow grain to be moved from the AWB Grainflow Centre at Pinnaroo in South Australia through Victoria to the ports.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

Following the *Victorian Rail Freight Network Review* of 2007, the Victorian Government announced \$42.7 million to upgrade 'gold' lines, including \$19 million in scheduled maintenance, and \$38.7 million to upgrade 'silver' lines. Work on the Ouyen to Murrayville line, completed at a cost of \$7 million, was funded through savings in the cost of the 'gold' line upgrades.

The line has been upgraded as far as Murrayville as there is a train turnaround capacity at that location and because upgrades to Pinnaroo were beyond the scope of the project budget. Additionally, the Ouyen-Murrayville line is broad gauge, and the section of line to the AWB silo in Pinnaroo is standard gauge on the South Australian side. There is no current agreement with the South Australian Government for works to access the AWB Pinnaroo site on broad gauge from Victoria.

Murrayville is located approximately 20 km from the end of the line at Pinnaroo, so farmers can truck grain to Murrayville at reasonable cost, for the grain to be carried by rail to the port.

The Murrayville silo is the main silo on the line, and receives 40,000 tonnes of grain in an average year. This silo is to be upgraded as part of GrainCorp's \$15 million investment to upgrade 24 of its primary sites in Victoria.

Public transport: buses — V/Line bicycle policy

2514. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to the carriage of bicycles on V/Line bus services:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that V/Line bus services now refuse the carriage of bicycles.
- (2) On what date did V/line bus services take the decision to refuse the carriage of bicycles.
- (3) What community consultation was undertaken in regards to the decision to refuse the carriage of bicycles.
- (4) How was the community informed of the decision to refuse the carriage of bicycles.

- (5) Has the Minister considered alternative arrangements for the transportation of bicycles on V/Line bus services.
- (6) What alternative methods of transport are available for those wishing to make use of bike trails outside of train routes.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

- (1-4) V/Line has a long standing policy of not carrying bicycles on coaches. This is due to the limited space available to cater for passenger's conventional luggage. Passengers can access information about the carriage of bicycles via the V/Line website, as well as obtaining information from local railway stations. The Victorian Fares and Ticketing manual which provides information about the carriage of bicycles on Public Transport is available on the Metlink website.
- (5) V/Line will permit folding bicycles. The bicycle must not exceed the dimensions of 82 cm long x 69 cm high and 39 cm wide, have wheel rims no more than 20 inches (51 cm) in diameter and be folded up and stored inside a bag or cover before boarding.
- (6) Conventional bicycles may be carried on V/Line coaches if they conform to V/Line's luggage guidelines. To be classed as luggage, conventional bicycles should also have pedals, backpacks and panniers removed, handlebars turned in, and be packaged in heavy-duty cardboard.

Attorney-General: graffiti offences

2519. Mr RYAN to ask the Attorney-General — with reference to offences prosecuted under the *Graffiti Prevention Act 2007* in 2008/09:

- (1) How many successful prosecutions were made.
- (2) How many people received a custodial sentence.
- (3) How many people were fined more than \$600.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

With reference to offences prosecuted under the *Graffiti Prevention Act 2007* in 2008–09:

- (1) In the financial year 2008–09, the Children's Court and the Magistrates' Court combined finalised 378 offences under the *Graffiti Prevention Act 2007*.

In this context, "finalised" means that the magistrate found the accused guilty of the charge and made a sentencing order, for example, imposed a fine, a community-based order, or an undertaking of good behaviour.

- (2) Of the 378 finalised offences, two people received a custodial sentence.
- (3) Of the 378 finalised offences, four people received an aggregate fine over \$600, although in no case was the graffiti offence the principle offence in the matter.

Environment and climate change: bilingual tour guides

2543. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — with reference to the press release of 9 October 2009 advising that Parks Victoria is holding a free course to help immigrants to Victoria become bilingual coastal tour guides:

- (1) What funds have been allocated toward the conduct of the course.
- (2) How many people does the Government expect will become bilingual tour guides.
- (3) In which languages have any pamphlets or explanatory material been produced.
- (4) What language groups have been targeted.
- (5) Have professional interpreters been engaged to assist with interpreting technical terms.
- (6) How many budgetary periods have been allocated for the conduct of the course.
- (7) Where is the course being conducted.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$21,828.00 was sourced from a Caring for Our Country grants and Parks Victoria provided \$30,000.00.
- (2) In 2007 eleven people graduated from the program. Seventeen students will participate in the 2010 Bilingual Coastal Guides course. Pending funding, additional courses are proposed to be conducted in 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (3) Each participant attending the course must have a reasonable level of English, therefore English was the only language used on advertising material to attract participants. When the guides graduate they will translate activity information in their first language to invite people to attend activities.
- (4) Existing guides from the program speak Arabic, Assyrian, Croatian, French, Greek, Hararian, Kibenbe, Macedonian, Shona, Spanish, Swahili and Turkish. For the 2010 course, targeted languages included; Chinese, Vietnamese, African, Maltese, Italian, Greek, Macedonian and other languages. These languages are the most widely spoken around Hobsons Bay, where the course will be conducted.
- (5) No professional interpreter has been engaged as the course teacher is an experienced multicultural teacher. All students must have a sound level of English language to register for the fully accredited course.
- (6) The current funding will provide for the delivery of one training course in the 2009/10 financial year.
- (7) The course will be conducted Parks Victoria office, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course is designed to ensure that parks are accessible to all Victorian's, including members of cultural and linguistically diverse communities, particularly women and children.

The Bilingual Coastal Guides Course will present information about Victoria's parks system, with a special focus on local marine and coastal parks, and their relevance to the local community. The course will assist participants to develop skills that will enable them to lead walks for groups of people from their own language communities.

The course includes 70 hours of evening training, it will run from 2 March to 4 May 2010 and will cover:

1. Introduction to the Parks Victoria parks system.
2. Tours and activities in coastal parks.
3. Learning about local flora, fauna, heritage, indigenous and natural landscapes.
4. Presentation skills.
5. Developing and adapting culturally specific resources.
6. Developing and delivering a park tour.

Successful applicants will be provided with free training that will enable them to provide tours of local coastal parks and marine parks for their respective communities.

Mental health: inpatient beds

2565. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to the client profile of adult acute mental health inpatient beds, what was the:

- (1) Total number of patients in:
 - (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.

- (2) Percentage of male patients in:
 - (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.

- (3) Percentage of patients aged under 25 years in:
 - (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.

- (4) Percentage of patients aged 24 to 34 years in:
 - (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.

- (5) Percentage of patients aged 35 to 44 years in:
 - (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;

- (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.
- (6) Percentage of patients aged 45 to 54 years in:
- (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.
- (7) Percentage of patients aged greater than 54 years in:
- (a) 2003/04;
 - (b) 2004/05;
 - (c) 2005/06;
 - (d) 2006/07;
 - (e) 2007/08;
 - (f) 2008/09;
 - (g) 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Total number of patients in:
- (a) 9,041
 - (b) 8,950
 - (c) 8,970
 - (d) 9,441
 - (e) 9,903
 - (f) 10,117
 - (g) 5,806 as at 19/12/2009
- (2) Percentage of male patients in:
- (a) 56.8%
 - (b) 56.8%
 - (c) 56.2%
 - (d) 55.4%
 - (e) 54.8%
 - (f) 54.0%
 - (g) 53.3%
- (3) Percentage of patients aged under 25 years in:
- (a) 16.2%

- (b) 16.3%
- (c) 15.9%
- (d) 14.4%
- (e) 14.5%
- (f) 15.2%
- (g) 15.0%

(4) Percentage of patients aged 24 to 34 years in:

- (a) 34.0%
- (b) 34.0%
- (c) 33.1%
- (d) 32.2%
- (e) 31.1%
- (f) 29.6%
- (g) 29.5%

(5) Percentage of patients aged 35 to 44 years in:

- (a) 25.1%
- (b) 25.7%
- (c) 26.0%
- (d) 27.0%
- (e) 27.4%
- (f) 27.3%
- (g) 27.8%

(6) Percentage of patients aged 45 to 54 years in:

- (a) 16.5%
- (b) 16.5%
- (c) 17.8%
- (d) 18.3%
- (e) 18.4%
- (f) 18.9%
- (g) 18.2%

(7) Percentage of patients aged greater than 54 years in:

- (a) 11.2%
- (b) 10.2%
- (c) 10.0%
- (d) 10.3%
- (e) 11.2%
- (f) 11.5%
- (g) 12.1%

Mental health: prevention and recovery care beds

2581. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Prevention and Recovery Care beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: The following table details the total number of funded Prevention and Recovery Care places from 2003/04 up to 1 December 2009:

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	16
2004-05	26
2005-06	36
2006-07	36
2007-08	78
2008-09	92
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	92

Mental health: prevention and recovery care beds

2582. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Prevention and Recovery Care beds (open and planned) in 2007/08 by auspice agency, location and service name.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the following table represents the number of Prevention and Recovery Care (PARC) beds opened and planned as at 1 July 2008:

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	No. of PARC beds open	No. of PARC beds planned
Melbourne Health	Deer Park	Burnside		10
Werribee Mercy	Deer Park	Burnside		10
Barwon Health	Belmont	Barwon PARC	10	
Alfred Health	South Yarra	Alfred PARC	10	
Bendigo Health Care Group	Bendigo	Bendigo PARC (Golden Oaks)	10	
Eastern Health	Box Hill	Linwood House	10	
Goulburn Valley Health	Shepparton	Ambermere PARC	10	
Latrobe Regional Hospital	Bairnsdale	Gippsland PARC	10	
Southern Health	Springvale	Springvale PARC	10	
Melbourne Health	Flemington	Arion	8	2
Eastern Health	Ringwood	Ringwood PARC		10
Melbourne Health	Broadmeadows	Broadmeadows PARC		10
Melbourne Health	Preston	Preston PARC		10
Southern Health	Clayton	Monash PARC		10
Peninsula Health	Peninsula Health	Peninsula PARC		10

Mental health: secure and extended care beds

2583. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Secure and Extended Care Unit beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of secure and extended care unit beds in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	103
2004-05	103
2005-06	103
2006-07	103
2007-08	103
2008-09	103
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	103

The 2009-10 Budget provides funding for the Dandenong Hospital mental health redevelopment which will include provision of 30 additional SECU beds. The budget also provides \$7.35m per annum for 30 SECU diversion and 50 intensive home based outreach packages which provide intensive, integrated, clinical and psychosocial rehabilitation supports to enable people with severe mental illnesses to live successfully in the community and avoid admission to SECU.

Mental health: secure and extended care units

2584. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Secure Extended Care Units in 2007/08 by location and service name.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there were a total of 103 Secure Extended Care (SECU) beds in eight units as at 30 June 2008 as follows:

Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Total SECU Beds
Austin Health – North East	Heidelberg	25
Melbourne Health – Mid West	Sunshine	26
Southern Health – Dandenong	Dandenong	20
Ballarat Health – Grampians	Ballarat	12
Barwon Health – Barwon	Geelong	3
South West Health Care – Glenelg	Warrnambool	3
Bendigo Health – Loddon Southern Mallee	Bendigo	8
Latrobe Regional Hospital – Gippsland	Traralgon	6

*Service part of co-located SECU and CCU facilities

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psychosocial rehabilitation supports to enable people with severe mental illnesses to live successfully in the community and avoid admission to a SECU.

Mental health: community care beds

2585. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Community Care Unit beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of community care unit beds in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	310
2004-05	310
2005-06	310
2006-07	324
2007-08	336
2008-09	336
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	336

Mental health: community care units

2586. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Community Care Units in 2007/08 by location and service name.

ANSWER:

I am informed that as at 30 June 2008 there was a total of 336 funded beds in 20 Community Care Units as follows:

Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Total Beds
Alfred Health – Inner South East	St Kilda	20
Eastern Health – Outer East	Ringwood East	20
Eastern Health – Central East	Camberwell	20
Melbourne Health – Inner West	Flemington	20
Melbourne Health – Mid West	St Albans	20
Melbourne Health – North West	Broadmeadows	20
Melbourne Health – Northern	Preston	20
Peninsula Health - Peninsula	Frankston	20
Southern Health – Middle South	Clayton	20
Southern Health – Dandenong	Doveton	20
St Vincent’s – Inner Urban East	Fitzroy	20
Werribee Mercy – South West	Werribee	20
Ballarat Health – Grampians	Ballarat East	20
*Barwon Health – Barwon	Belmont	12
*South West Health Care – Glenelg	Warrnambool	2

Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Total Beds
Bendigo Health – Loddon Southern Mallee	Bendigo	12
Latrobe Regional Hospital – Gippsland	Traralgon	14
#Goulburn Valley Health – Hume	Shepparton	10
Wodonga Regional Health – Northeast Victoria Mental Health	Wodonga	8
Beechworth Health Service – Northeast Victoria Mental Health	Beechworth	18

*Service part of co-located SECU and CCU facilities

#Service managed as a partnership between Mental Illness Fellowship and Goulburn Valley Health

Mental health: adult residential rehabilitation beds

2587. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Adult Residential Rehabilitation beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of funded Adult Residential Rehabilitation beds in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	97
2004-05	97
2005-06	95
2006-07	97
2007-08	101
2008-09	101
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	101

Mental health: adult residential rehabilitation beds

2588. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Adult Residential Rehabilitation beds in 2007/08 by auspice agency, location and service name.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there was a total of 101 funded Adult Residential Rehabilitation beds in 2007-08 as follows:

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
Mental Illness Fellowship	St Kilda	Rossdale	7
		Rossdale Town House	7
MIND	Albert Park	Edith Pardy	14
	Armadaale	Trelawarren	15
	Brunswick	Victoria Lodge	18
	Preston	Rosa Gilbert	12
	West Brunswick	Appleby Crescent	14

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
	Williamstown	Electra St	10
McAuley Community Services for Women	Flemington	Regina Coeli	4

Mental health: youth residential rehabilitation beds

2589. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Youth Residential Rehabilitation beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of mental health funded Youth Residential Rehabilitation beds in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	161
2004-05	161
2005-06	161
2006-07	163
2007-08	163
2008-09	163
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	163

Mental health: youth residential rehabilitation beds

2590. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of Youth Residential Rehabilitation beds in 2007/08 by auspice agency, location and service name.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there are a total of 163 mental health funded Youth Residential Rehabilitation beds in 2007/08 as follows:

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
Centacare, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc	Ballarat	MASC	10
Mental Illness Fellowship	Geelong West	Collins Place	10
MIND	Bendigo	Bendigo RRS	10
	Box Hill	Wattlebridge/Be Street	7
	Hawthorn	Denham House	8
	Moorabbin	Nette Court	8
	Noble Park	Kamara	10
	Reservoir	Chiron	10
	Rosanna	Apollo	10
Seaford	Seaford Program	10	

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
	Shepparton	Jacaranda	10
	Traralgon	Wannik Gunyah	10
	Wantirna South	Narana	10
	Warrnambool	Purro Gunya	10
	Wodonga	Wodonga Triple R	10
Western Region Health/Macaulay (Consort)	Essendon	Rocket Essendon	10
	St Albans	Rocket St Albans	10

Mental health: supported accommodation beds

2591. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of supported accommodation beds in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of mental health funded supported accommodation beds in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	34
2004-05	61
2005-06	102
2006-07	102
2007-08	102
2008-09	102
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	102

Mental health: supported accommodation beds

2592. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of supported accommodation beds by auspice agency, location and service name in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there were 102 mental health funded support accommodation beds in 2007/08 as follows:

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
ACSO	Armadale	Armadale House	3
Bethlehem Community	Reservoir	Bethlehem	8
Doutta Galla	Ascot Vale	Chiron	13
	Strathmore	Janoak	11
Fintry Bank	Clifton Hill	Fintry Bank	9
Regina Coeli	Flemington	Regina Coeli	10
Sacred Heart Mission	St Kilda	Rooming House Plus	29

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
St Kilda Baptist Society	St Kilda East	Scottsdale	19

Mental health: beds

2593. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of beds classed as ‘other’ in each year from 2003/04 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following table provides the number of beds classed as ‘other’ in each year from 2003-04 to 2009-10 (1 December 2009)

Financial Year	Total Number of beds
2003-04	0
2004-05	0
2005-06	0
2006-07	0
2007-08	33
2008-09	33
2009-10 (up to 1 December 2009)	33

Mental health: beds

2594. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — what was the total number of beds classed as ‘other’ by auspice agency, location and service name in 2007/08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there were 33 beds classed as ‘other’ as follows:

Auspice Agency	Location (hospital/suburb)	Service Name	Total Beds
MIND	East Prahran	Wynstay	16
	Hawthorn	Kinkora	17

Community services: children protection

2595. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many children on a protection order have been remanded in custody in each year from 2005/06 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following are the number of children on a protection order and remand as at:

- (1) 30 June 2006 – 7 children

- (2) 30 June 2007 – 5 children
- (3) 30 June 2008 – 8 children
- (4) 30 June 2009 – 8 children
- (5) 1 December 2009 – 11 children

Community services: children protection

2596. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many children on a protection order were serving sentences in juvenile justice centres in each year from 2006/07 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following are the number of children on a protection order and serving a sentence as at:

- (1) 30 June 2007 – 16 children
- (2) 30 June 2008 – 19 children
- (3) 30 June 2009 – 33 children
- (4) 1 December 2009 – 13 children

Community services: respite beds — Barwon-south western region

2605. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Barwon South West Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — eastern metropolitan region

2606. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — Gippsland region

2607. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Gippsland Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — Grampians region

2608. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Grampians Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — Hume region

2609. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Hume Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — Loddon Mallee region

2610. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Loddon Mallee Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — southern metropolitan region

2611. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the Southern Metropolitan Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Community services: respite beds — north and west region

2612. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many facility based respite beds are specifically allocated for children with a disability aged under 18 years in the North West Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Facility based respite is available to people including children who meet the priority of access criteria for disability services.

Beds are not specifically reported as being for children.

Health: hospital complaints

2616. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many complaints from residents in postcode 3108 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to hospitals in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The health services commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: hospital complaints

2617. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many complaints from residents in postcode 3109 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to hospitals in:

- (1) 2006/07.

- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The health services commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: hospital complaints

2618. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many complaints from residents in postcode 3111 were received by the Health Services Commissioner relating to hospitals in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The health services commissioner is unable to reveal the number of complaints she has received by postcode because of the confidentiality provisions in the legislation she works under and because of the risk of inadvertently identifying complainants or particular hospitals.

Health: dental treatment

2624. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many residents in postcode 3108 were waiting for dental treatment, including the average waiting time, in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waiting lists for dental treatment are managed by individual community dental clinics, so the data you have requested is not available.

Health: dental treatment

2625. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many residents in postcode 3109 were waiting for dental treatment, including the average waiting time, in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waiting lists for dental treatment are managed by individual community dental clinics, so the data you have requested is not available.

Health: dental treatment

2626. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health — how many residents in postcode 3111 were waiting for dental treatment, including the average waiting time, in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Waiting lists for dental treatment are managed by individual community dental clinics, so the data you have requested is not available.

Planning: Doncaster Hill projects

2627. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Planning — how much money has been allocated to projects in the area designated as Doncaster Hill, Doncaster in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Money was allocated to projects in the area designated as Doncaster Hill for the following amounts:

- (1) 2006/07, \$86,000 was allocated to projects in the area designated as Doncaster Hill, Doncaster.
- (2) 2007/08, \$197,976 was allocated to projects in the area designated as Doncaster Hill, Doncaster.
- (3) 2008/09, \$3,850,300 was allocated to projects in the area designated as Doncaster Hill, Doncaster.

Community services: incarcerated juveniles

2629. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many young people residing in postcode 3108 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2 young people residing in postcode 3108 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2006/07.
- (2) 3 young people residing in postcode 3108 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2007/08.
- (3) 3 young people residing in postcode 3108 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2008/09.

Community services: incarcerated juveniles

2630. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many young people residing in postcode 3109 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No young people residing in postcode 3109 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2006/07.
- (2) No young people residing in postcode 3109 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2007/08.
- (3) 1 young person residing in postcode 3109 was incarcerated in juvenile justice centres 2008/09.

Community services: incarcerated juveniles

2631. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many young people residing in postcode 3111 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in:

- (1) 2006/07.
- (2) 2007/08.
- (3) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No young people residing in postcode 3111 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2006/07.
- (2) 1 young person residing in postcode 3111 was incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2007/08.
- (3) No young people residing in postcode 3111 were incarcerated in juvenile justice centres in 2008/09.

Public transport: complaints

2636. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — how many complaints from residents of postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 sent to the Minister's office in 2008/09 related to:

- (1) Late services.
- (2) Cancelled services.

- (3) Fares and ticketing.
- (4) Customer service.
- (5) Frequency of services.
- (6) Span in hours and days of service.
- (7) The park and ride.
- (8) Other issues.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised the answer is:

(1-8) Ministerial correspondence is not recorded by the categories requested. To identify items of correspondence received in 2008/09 relating to these categories would require significant resources and cannot be justified at this time. In addition, postcodes are not always provided when residents write to the Office of the Minister for Public Transport. For example, emails cannot be identified by postcode.

Public transport: complaints

2637. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — how many complaints from residents of postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 sent to the Minister’s office in 2007/08 related to:

- (1) Late services.
- (2) Cancelled services.
- (3) Fares and ticketing.
- (4) Customer service.
- (5) Frequency of services.
- (6) Span in hours and days of service.
- (7) The park and ride.
- (8) Other issues.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

(1-8) Ministerial correspondence is not recorded by the categories requested. To identify items of correspondence received in 2007/08 relating to these categories would require significant resources and cannot be justified at this time. In addition, postcodes are not always provided when residents write to the Office of the Minister for Public Transport. For example, emails cannot be identified by postcode.

Public transport: complaints

2638. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — how many complaints from residents of postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 sent to the Minister’s office in 2006/07 related to:

- (1) Late services.
- (2) Cancelled services.
- (3) Fares and ticketing.
- (4) Customer service.
- (5) Frequency of services.
- (6) Span in hours and days of service.
- (7) The park and ride.

- (8) Other issues.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

(1-8) Ministerial correspondence is not recorded by the categories requested. To identify items of correspondence received in 2006/07 relating to these categories would require significant resources and cannot be justified at this time. In addition, postcodes are not always provided when residents write to the Office of the Minister for Public Transport. For example, emails cannot be identified by postcode.

Water: stormwater action program

2656. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to projects funded by the Victorian Stormwater Action Program:

- (1) How many projects were funded.
- (2) Where was each project located.
- (3) For each project:
 - (a) what are the details;
 - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) when is the completion date;
 - (f) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the Program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Water: Smart Water Fund

2657. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to projects funded by the Smart Water Fund:

- (1) How many projects have been funded since 2003.
- (2) Where was each project located.
- (3) For each project:
 - (a) what are the details;
 - (b) how much Government funding was allocated;
 - (c) how much Government funding was spent;
 - (d) what was the overall cost;
 - (e) under which round of the Fund was the project funded
 - (f) when is the completion date;
 - (g) when was the commencement date.
- (4) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the Fund.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of 170 projects have been funded in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Details on the projects funded from Round 1 through to Round 6 can be found at www.smartwater.com.au. I have enclosed a copy for your information.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$4 million to the Smart Water Fund.

Water: central region sustainable water strategy

2663. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to the Central Region’s Sustainable Water Strategy:

- (1) What is the status of the new performance-based water and energy saving targets developed along the lines of the sustainability assessment tool, BASIX, to replace the five star standard for buildings.
- (2) When was BASIX made available for use by Victorian builders.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The 5 Star building standard came into effect in Victoria on 1 July 2005 and requires:

- 5 Star energy efficiency rating for the building fabric;
- water efficient taps and fittings; plus
- either a rainwater tank for toilet flushing or a solar hot water service.

The Government is committed to ensuring environmentally sustainable development across the State and on 22 September 2008 announced a second generation package to broaden the current 5 Star Standard. This package forms part of the Building Regulations for Victoria. Improvements under consideration include: increasing thermal efficiency requirements, energy efficient lighting, hot water heater requirements and stormwater impact management.

BASIX is a performance-rating tool that has been developed for new housing in New South Wales. It is only used in NSW and would be of limited value in Victoria because it is tailored to NSW requirements and climate conditions.

Further questions relating to improvements of the existing standard should be directed to the Minister for Planning.

Water: housing water efficiency

2665. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to housing developments that meet the Our Water Our Future mandate for all new homes to have water efficient taps, shower roses and toilet connections to water tanks or solar water heaters:

- (1) How many developments have been built since 2004.
- (2) For each development:
 - (a) what is the location;
 - (b) what are the details;
 - (c) how much Government funding was allocated;

- (d) how much Government funding was spent;
 - (e) what was the overall cost of the project;
 - (f) what was the completion date;
 - (g) what was the commencement date.
- (3) What is the total amount the Government has spent on the developments.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Planning.

Community services: autism state plan

2673. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Autism State Plan between 21 May and 30 November 2009: on what dates did the Stakeholder Advisory Group meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Autism State Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group met on 9 October 2009.

Community services: disability support register

2678. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the allocation of resources for persons making requests to the Disability Support Register:

- (1) How many funding levels are there.
- (2) What is the funding range associated with each level.
- (3) How many people are currently being funded at each level.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) An application to the DSR is allocated to one of four funding bands. Within each funding band there are \$5,000 increments, making a total of 17 funding levels
- (2) The DSR levels are increments of \$5,000 commencing at Level 1.1 (up to \$5,000) to Level 4.6 (\$80,000 and over)
- (3) The funding levels on the DSR record unmet need and are used for the decision-making process associated with the allocation of resources. As such, these funding levels are not necessarily an indication of the actual resource utilised by each individual.

Community services: disability carers action plan

2679. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the action for policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan: what have been the dates, times and locations of consultations with carers to develop a framework for their participation in service planning, delivery and reviews.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The framework is currently under development and consultation has commenced with the Service Reorientation Consumer Advisory Group who meet monthly.

Community services: people with disability and carers

2680. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — what planning options and services are available for people with a disability to ensure their continued quality of life as they and their carers age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

People with a disability who require support to develop a broad aspirational plan can seek assistance from disability service providers with expertise in planning or case management.

To meet the needs of older carers a service model has been developed by the department to facilitate referral to support services such as respite and to enable the allocation of low level support packages. The service is targeted at carers aged 60+, and 45+ for members of the Indigenous community.

Community services: people with disability and carers

2681. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — what are the arrangements regarding choices and funding of planning options currently available to people ageing with a disability and their carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

People with a disability who require support to develop a broad aspirational plan can seek assistance from organisations with expertise in planning or case management. In 2009 three pilot initiatives have commenced across the State to further develop the delivery of this type of planning. Older carers comprise one of the identified target groups.

To meet the needs of older carers and to remain aligned with contemporary approaches and directions, a service model has been developed by the department to enhance support to older carers. A key element of the service is the provision of support to identify what is required to sustain and enhance the care relationship, as well as to plan for the future and for emergencies. This component also includes referrals and the direct allocation of low level support packages.

Self-directed funding and supports are most evident with Individual Support Packages (ISP) where people have the optimum level of self-direction, choice and flexibility.

Community services: disability services commissioner

2683. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — what budget allocation was made for 2008/09 for the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner and the Disability Services Board.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2008-09 the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner received an allocation of \$1,912,188 for its activities, including the Disability Services Board.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

2684. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services, what is the total amount to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site as at 30 June 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question as it is expressed is very broad and will require greater specificity for a response.

Community services: Futures for Young Adults program

2686. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people leaving school at the end of 2009 who were assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program:

- (1) How many young people were assessed in total.
- (2) What were the levels of funding available.
- (3) How many young people were assessed at each level.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of young people assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program will not be confirmed until the end of March 2010.
- (2) Details of these levels can be found in the Disability Services Policy and Funding Plan which is available on the Disability Services website.

Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — entertainment expenses

2722. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria's entertainment expenses for 2009:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including:
 - (a) date incurred;
 - (b) cost;
 - (c) number of guests;
 - (d) purpose; and
 - (e) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Thank you for your request, however the day to day operations of the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria are handled by its Chief Executive Officer.

Treasurer: Office of the Administrator (SECV, Vicpower Trading) — entertainment expenses

2727. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — what are the details of the Office of the Administrator’s (State Electricity Commission of Victoria, VicPower Trading) entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 during 2009, including:

- (1) Date.
- (2) Cost.
- (3) Number of guests.
- (4) Purpose.
- (5) Name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Thank you for your request, however the day to day operations of the Office of the Administrator’s (SECV, VicPower Trading) are handled by its Chief Executive Officer.

Treasurer: Victorian Funds Management Corporation — entertainment expenses

2728. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — what are the details of the Victorian Funds Management Corporation’s entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 during 2009, including:

- (1) Date.
- (2) Cost.
- (3) Number of guests.
- (4) Purpose.
- (5) Name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Thank you for your request, however the day to day operations of the Victorian Funds Management Corporation (VFMC) are handled by its Chief Executive Officer.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — entertainment expenses

2729. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to the State Trustee Limited’s entertainment expenses for 2009:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including:
 - (a) date incurred;
 - (b) cost;
 - (c) number of guests;
 - (d) purpose; and

- (e) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Thank you for your request, however the day to day operations of the State Trustees are handled by its Chief Executive Officer.

Water: metropolitan water authority levy

2738. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to revenue collected under the five per cent levy on metropolitan water authorities, first introduced by the Government in 2004:

(1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:

- (a) 2003/04;
- (b) 2004/05;
- (c) 2005/06;
- (d) 2006/07;
- (e) 2007/08; and
- (f) 2008/09.

(2) What is the total amount of forecast revenue for:

- (a) 2009/10;
- (b) 2010/11;
- (c) 2011/12; and
- (d) 2012/13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) The total amount that was collected by the four metropolitan water corporations is:

- | | | |
|-----|---------|--------------|
| (a) | 2003/04 | Nil |
| (b) | 2004/05 | \$31,540,000 |
| (c) | 2005/06 | \$42,066,000 |
| (d) | 2006/07 | \$42,066,000 |
| (e) | 2007/08 | \$42,066,000 |
| (f) | 2008/09 | \$44,873,800 |

(2) The total amount that is forecast to be collected by the four metropolitan water corporations is:

- | | | |
|-----|---------|----------------|
| (a) | 2009/10 | \$44,873,800 |
| (b) | 2010/11 | \$44,873,800 |
| (c) | 2011/12 | \$44,873,800 |
| (d) | 2012/13 | Not available. |

Gaming: gaming machine levy

2743. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Gaming — with reference to revenue collected under the gaming machine levy, first introduced by the Government in 2000:

- (1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:
 - (a) 2000/01;
 - (b) 2001/02;
 - (c) 2002/03;
 - (d) 2003/04;
 - (e) 2004/05;
 - (f) 2005/06;
 - (g) 2006/07;
 - (h) 2007/08; and
 - (i) 2008/09.

- (2) What is the total amount of forecast revenue for:
 - (a) 2009/10;
 - (b) 2010/11;
 - (c) 2011/12; and
 - (d) 2012/13.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.

Health: cemetery trust levy

2744. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Health — what is the total amount forecast revenue under the Government's annual levy on cemetery trusts, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate period for:

- (1) 2009/10.
- (2) 2010/11.
- (3) 2011/12.
- (4) 2012/13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Budget forward estimates will be included in the 2010-11 budget papers to be presented to Parliament in May 2010.

Public transport: bus service review

2746. Mrs FYFFE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — when will the final report for the Knox/Maroondah/Yarra Ranges Metropolitan Bus Service Review be released.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

It is anticipated that the outcomes of the Knox/Maroondah/Yarra Ranges Metropolitan Bus Service Review will be publicly released shortly.

Children and early childhood development: hold harmless clause

2767(g). **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development — with reference to the inclusion of ‘hold harmless clauses’, which provide full indemnity for the Government or its departments for all loss and damage, regardless of whether the Government or department has contributed to the loss or damage, in temporary employment service procurement contracts:

- (1) Do any departments or agencies under the jurisdiction of the Minister require or recommend the inclusion of such clauses; if so, which departments or agencies.
- (2) If any departments or agencies under the jurisdiction of the Minister require or recommend the inclusion of such clauses, what is the policy that supports this inclusion.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No.