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 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Tuesday, 25 May 2010

Public transport: rail — Marshall line

1741. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport with reference to each of the 6.50 am up Marshall and the 7.17 am up South Geelong trains upon departure from North Geelong station and the 4.40 pm and 5.29 pm down Marshall trains upon departure from North Melbourne station on each weekday from 1 November 2008 to 3 December 2008 —

- (1) How many passengers were onboard each train on each day.
- (2) How many seats were available on each train on each day.

ANSWER:

As at the date the question was raised, the answer is:

a) AM Flagship services monitored at North Geelong Station

Date	Day of Week	6:50 am “UP” Marshall		7:17 am “UP” Sth Geelong	
		Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)	Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)
03-Nov-08	Mon	346	420	Data not available	
04-Nov-08	Tues	Public Holiday			
05-Nov-08	Wed	487	420	465	420
06-Nov-08	Thur	467	420	426	420
07-Nov-08	Fri	485	420	537	420
10-Nov-08	Mon	535	502	672	502
11-Nov-08	Tues	556	502	576	502
12-Nov-08	Wed	584	502	615	502
13-Nov-08	Thur	548	502	545	502
14-Nov-08	Fri	490	502	537	502
17-Nov-08	Mon	460	502	539	502
18-Nov-08	Tues	514	502	526	502
19-Nov-08	Wed	509	502	564	502
20-Nov-08	Thur	525	502	675	502
21-Nov-08	Fri	521	502	537	502
24-Nov-08	Mon	461	502	515	502
25-Nov-08	Tues	605	502	475	502
26-Nov-08	Wed	527	502	610	502
27-Nov-08	Thur	586	502	635	502

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Date	Day of Week	6:50 am "UP" Marshall		7:17 am "UP" Sth Geelong	
		Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)	Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)
28-Nov-08	Fri	566	420	537	502
01-Dec-08	Mon	585	502	527	502
02-Dec-08	Tues	582	420	544	502
03-Dec-08	Wed	559	502	Data not available	

b) PM Flagship services monitored at North Melbourne Station

Date	Day of Week	4:40 pm "Down" Marshall		5:29 pm "Down" Marshall	
		Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)	Passengers (1)	Available Seating (2)
03-Nov-08	Mon	325	280	335	280
04-Nov-08	Tues	Public Holiday			
05-Nov-08	Wed	312	280	540	420
06-Nov-08	Thur	359	280	578	420
07-Nov-08	Fri	451	420	742	420
10-Nov-08	Mon	499	502	561	502
11-Nov-08	Tues	540	502	550	502
12-Nov-08	Wed	Data not available		571	502
13-Nov-08	Thur	471	502	541	502
14-Nov-08	Fri	509	502	514	502
17-Nov-08	Mon	610	502	540	502
18-Nov-08	Tues	540	502	520	502
19-Nov-08	Wed	545	502	540	502
20-Nov-08	Thur	590	502	615	502
21-Nov-08	Fri	482	502	505	502
24-Nov-08	Mon	560	502	479	502
25-Nov-08	Tues	475	502	418	280
26-Nov-08	Wed	599	502	540	502
27-Nov-08	Thur	474	502	578	420
28-Nov-08	Fri	512	502	482	420
01-Dec-08	Mon	515	502	555	420
02-Dec-08	Tues	538	502	Data not available	
03-Dec-08	Wed	Data not available		605	502

Community services: ministerial task force on alcohol and public safety

2279. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Ministerial Taskforce on Alcohol and Public Safety —

(1) What budget allocation was made for —

- (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2008–09;
 - (c) 2009–10.
- (2) What was the total funding allocated to members for remuneration and allowances in —
- (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No budget allocation was made for the Ministerial Taskforce on Alcohol and Public Safety.
- (2) No remuneration or allowances were allocated to members of the Ministerial Taskforce on Alcohol and Public Safety.

Mental health: task force

2280. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — on which dates did the Minister meet with members of the Taskforce —

- (1) Between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008.
- (2) Between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Minister met with the Taskforce on:

22/11/2007
 26/02/2008
 3/03/2008
 17/03/2008
 8/04/2008
 28/05/2008
 9/06/2008
 30/06/2008

- (2) The Minister met with the Taskforce on:

2/07/2008
 27/08/2008
 13/10/2008
 8/12/2008
 18/03/2009
 22/04/2009
 22/06/2009

Planning: Ferntree Gully development

2447. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Planning with reference to the 87-unit social housing development planned for the corner of Dorset Road and Burwood Highway in Ferntree Gully:

- (1) When was the Minister first made aware that social housing was being considered for the site.
- (2) When were the plans for social housing at the site first commissioned.
- (3) What consultation was conducted when deciding to build a social housing development on the site.
- (4) When was the ownership of the site transferred from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to the Department of Planning and Community Development.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. A pre-application meeting was held on 16 July 2009 between the applicant, Department of Human Services (Nation Building/Office of Housing Victoria), Urbis consultants and representatives from the Department of Planning and Community Development. The application was subsequently lodged with the Department of Planning and Community Development on 28 August 2009.
2. Plans were first commissioned in mid to late 2007 by the Office of Housing Victoria. These plans were instigated as a result of previous discussions between the Office of Housing, the City of Knox and Community Housing Limited. The plans were subsequently modified through the Nation Building Social Housing permit application process. Final plans were approved on 9 November 2009, with Landscape Plans being approved on 14 December 2009.
3. The planning permit application was formally referred to the City of Knox on 31 August 2009 for comment. Representatives of the Office of Housing and the Department of Planning and Community Development met with Council officers on 31 July 2009 in relation to the proposed development. The Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Department of Transport (DoT) were also consulted. Council provided their written response to the referral on 29 September 2009.
4. The Director of Housing and Minister for Education executed a letter of agreement in respect to the transfer of the land on 14 October 2009, with settlement scheduled for 30 November 2009. The parties also executed a licence to facilitate early works on the site prior to settlement.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — radio replacement program

2494. **Mr RYAN** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the \$12.8 million CFA radio replacement program announced by the Government in May 2008:

- (1) What proportion of the program budget has been expended.
- (2) How many hand held radios have been replaced.
- (3) How many vehicle radios have been replaced.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The total budget for the CFA radio replacement program is \$56.9 million (\$12.8 million Government contribution). The tender process for the program has commenced and is to be completed by June 2012.

In addition, \$450 million has been provided by the Government for emergency services communications.

Police and emergency services: bushfires — township protection plans

2495. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the 52 townships identified as being at high risk of bushfire and thus, high priority for the creation of township protection plans:

- (1) How many township plans have been finalised.
- (2) In how many townships have neighbourhood safer places been identified.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Township Protection Plans (TPPs) have been developed for the 52 identified high risk bushfire locations in Victoria along with some townships outside the 52. TPPs can be downloaded from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) website.
- (2) The CFA has completed its assessment of identified potential sites of neighbourhood safer place (NSPs) in the 52 high risk bushfire areas and advised the local councils of the outcome. Councils are currently undertaking their own assessments of the potential sites before determining whether or not to designate a site as a neighbourhood safer place. Once NSP sites have been designated they are listed on the CFA website. As at 18 March 2010, 72 NSPs have been designated by councils.

Police and emergency services: Victorian bushfire information line — call takers

2496. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the \$750,000 provided in 2009/10 to improve the Victorian Bushfire Information Line's services:

- (1) How many additional FTE permanent call takers will be recruited as a result of the initiative.
- (2) How many FTE call takers will be employed and trained to provide increased overflow services for extreme 'spike' days.
- (3) What funding has been allocated to provide increased overflow services for extreme 'spike' days beyond the 2010/11 fire season.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Victorian Bushfire Information Line is managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. This question matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Police and emergency services: community fireguard groups

2497. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to Community Fire Guard groups:

- (1) How many groups have been established since February 2009.
- (2) In which townships are the groups located.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) 128 new Community Fireguard Groups have been established across the state since February 2009.
- (2) Community Fireguard Groups have been established in the following locations:

Adelaide Lead, Aireys Inlet, Alma, Anglesea, Ararat, Arthurs Seat, Avoca, Axe Creek, Bamba, Barongarook, Barongarook West, Beaufort, Blackwood, Boolarra, Buninyong, Canadian, Castlemaine, Chewton, Chum Creek, Churchill, Clunes, Coomoora, Cottles Bridge, Creswick, Darnum, Deans Marsh, Dereel, Dollar, Don Valley, Drummond North, Eltham, Emerald, Eppalock, Faraday, Frankston South, Gellibrand, Glenburn, Greendale, Harkaway, Hepburn Springs, Invermay, Jeeralang, Kallista, Kalorama, Kyneton, Lexton, Loch Sport, Lockwood, Lorne, Magpie, Malmesbury, Marcus Hill, Monbulk, Moorooduc, Mount Dandenong, Mount Evelyn, Olinda, Park Orchards, Pipers Creek, Poowong, Port Campbell, Powelltown, Red Hill, Red Hill South, Research, Selby, Seville East, Silvan, Smeaton, Smythes Creek, Springmount, Steels Creek, Stradbroke, Tecoma, Teesdale, Three Bridges, Trentham, Tyers, Warrandyte, Warrandyte North, Warrenheip, Winchelsea South, Woodend, Woodend North, Yandoit.

There are multiple Community Fireguard Groups in some of these locations.

Police and emergency services: Ambulance Victoria — staff

2499(b). Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to each of Ambulance Victoria's operation centres in Bendigo, Geelong, Ballarat, Wangaratta and Morwell:

- (1) How many FTE administrative staff are employed.
- (2) How many FTE call centre staff are employed.
- (3) What is the total number of staff employed.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Health.

Police and emergency services: Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority — call takers

2500(b). Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — as a result of Ambulance Victoria's decision to merge five rural communications centres into one call centre at the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) facility in Ballarat, how many additional workstations have been established to accommodate call takers since February 2009.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Under the scheduled program of works, twelve (12) additional workstations have been established for the purpose of Ambulance Triple Zero call taking since February 2009.

Police and emergency services: Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority — call takers

2501. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many additional workstations have been established for fire calls at the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) facility in Ballarat since February 2009.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The 2009-10 budget outlined \$986 million toward the firefighting and reconstruction effort of which \$181 million will be spent on emergency services communications over 4 years.

Fifteen operational multi-agency call-taking workstations have been configured and installed.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — staff

2502. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — as at 30 September 2007, 30 September 2008 and 30 September 2009, what was the number of active CFA:

- (1) Volunteers.
- (2) Career firefighters.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

CFA reports all staff figures annually in its Annual Report.

Police and emergency services: communication black spots

2503. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to funding for the improvement of radio coverage and communications capabilities of emergency services organisations to respond to incidents in metropolitan and regional black spot areas:

- (1) Has an audit of black spots been conducted to determine their number and location.
- (2) How many identified black spots were there as at February 2009 and; of these:
 - (a) to date, how many have been eliminated;
 - (b) how many have been scheduled for repair in 2009/10.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Since coming to Government \$450 million has been invested in emergency services communications. This is the largest upgrade of emergency services of its kind in Australia.

Victoria now has the largest voice network coverage anywhere in Australia and the Government is continually looking to improve emergency communications systems by further investing \$20.26 million for communication black spots.

Public transport: rail — Frankston line

2522. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to the build up of vegetation along the Frankston railway line, particularly between Mentone and Frankston stations:

- (1) What assessment of potential fire risk has been made.
- (2) What plans are under way to reduce the fuel load.
- (3) What is the time frame to carry out any proposed works to reduce the fuel load.

ANSWER:

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

(1–3) Connex, as the previous infrastructure lease manager for the metropolitan electrified rail network, confirmed that works to reduce vegetation (slashed grass), for the entire Mentone–Frankston railway reserve were undertaken during November 2009.

Community services: Victorian Disability Advisory Council — annual report

2525. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — when did the Minister receive the Victorian Disability Advisory Council’s 2008/09 annual report.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council (VDAC) completed an *Achievements Report for 2007-2009* outlining their activities over this period.

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council is not required to produced an Annual Report under S12(2) of the Disability Act 2006 and, as they have no financial management responsibilities and are not required to complete an annual report subject to the *Financial Management Act 1994*, VDAC did not produce an Annual Report for 2008-09.

Public transport: myki ticketing system

2539. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to identification of instances of overcharging to adult and concession fare passengers in relation to the use of a myki on 25 and 26 November 2009:

- (1) For each date how many instances of:
 - (a) overcharging to adult fare passengers were identified in:
 - (i) Ballarat;
 - (ii) Bendigo;
 - (iii) Geelong;
 - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
 - (v) Seymour;
 - (vi) Warragul;
 - (b) overcharging to concession fare passengers were identified in:
 - (i) Ballarat;
 - (ii) Bendigo;
 - (iii) Geelong;
 - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
 - (v) Seymour;
 - (vi) Warragul.
- (2) For each date what amount was overcharged to:
 - (a) adult fare passengers in:
 - (i) Ballarat;
 - (ii) Bendigo;
 - (iii) Geelong;
 - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
 - (v) Seymour;
 - (vi) Warragul.
 - (b) concession fare passengers in:
 - (i) Ballarat;
 - (ii) Bendigo;
 - (iii) Geelong;

- (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
- (v) Seymour;
- (vi) Warragul.

(3) Have refunds been made; if so, when.

ANSWER:

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

A review of relevant records has not identified any instances of myki overcharges in these regional cities on 25 and 26 November 2009.

Public transport: myki ticketing system

2542. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — given that the myki ticketing system requires passengers to pay for travel by scanning a card each time they enter or leave a station, what plans have been put in place to manage the arrival and departure of large volume commuter traffic, such as that seen during AFL football finals, the Melbourne Show, Melbourne Racing Carnival and New Year's Eve, where current practice is for exit gates to be left open.

ANSWER:

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

A significant amount of planning with transport operators has been undertaken in order to adequately cater for crowds at big events.

Stations such as Jolimont, which cater for large passenger numbers attending major events, have a large number of myki readers to cater for these numbers.

Police and emergency services: rail — Brighton level crossing

2544. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to traffic accidents since the closure of the New Street rail gates in Brighton following a collision on 10 September 2007:

- (1) Has there been an increase in traffic accidents on Beach Road at intersections near to the intersection of Bridge and Hampton Streets as a result of vehicles making right hand turns in front of oncoming traffic.
- (2) Has there been any increase in traffic accidents in Hampton Street owing to the increase of traffic heading in both directions.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- i) Victoria Police has provided the following advice in relation to the number of injury collisions recorded on Beach Road and Hampton Street in Hampton for the period of 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2009:

Location	Injury level	2006	2007	2008	2009
Beach Road	Serious injury collision	4	0	2	2
	Other injury collision	2	2	2	1
	Non injury collision	10	4	8	6
	Total	16	6	12	9

- ii) Victoria Police advises that there have been no collisions recorded on Beach Road in Hampton and Brighton involving vehicles from opposing directions since 10 September 2007.

Public transport: myki ticketing system

2560. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) With respect to the adult, child, Pensioner Concession Card holder, Health Care Card holder, Victorian Seniors Card holder, interstate Seniors Card holder, tester and free pass categories of myki as at 8 December 2009:

For each category:

- (a) how many myki cards have been issued as:
 - (i) registered;
 - (ii) anonymous;
 - (b) how many myki cards have been issued without any charge for the card as:
 - (i) registered;
 - (ii) anonymous;
 - (c) how many myki cards have been issued at a cost of \$10 as:
 - (i) registered;
 - (ii) anonymous;
 - (d) how many myki cards have been issued at a cost of \$7 as:
 - (i) registered;
 - (ii) anonymous.
- (2) What is the total revenue that has been derived from the sale of:
- (a) adult myki cards;
 - (b) concession rate myki cards.

ANSWER:

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

- 1 (a) (i) Adult – 2,375
 Child – 1,993
 Pensioner and Concession Card Holder – 2,407
 Health Care Card Holder – 199
 Victorian Seniors Card Holder – 848
 Interstate Seniors Card Holder – 0
 Tester – 1,151
 Free Travel Pass Holder (Vision Impaired) – 4,535.
- (a) (ii) Adult – 4,328

- Child – 8,184
- Pensioner and Concession Card Holder – 13,914
- Health Care Card Holder – 0
- Victorian Seniors Card Holder – 5,293
- Interstate Seniors Card Holder – 0
- Tester – 0
- Free Travel Pass Holder (Vision Impaired) – 0

- (b) (i) Adult – 2,049
- Child – 1,750
- Pensioner and Concession Card Holder – 2,286
- Health Care Card Holder – 199
- Victorian Seniors Card Holder – 848
- Interstate Seniors Card Holder – 0
- Tester – 1,151
- Free Travel Pass Holder (Vision Impaired) – 4,535

- (b) (ii) Adult – 4,247
- Child – 8,184
- Pensioner and Concession Card Holder – 13,914
- Health Care Card Holder – 0
- Victorian Seniors Card Holder – 5,293
- Interstate Seniors Card Holder – 0
- Tester – 0
- Free Travel Pass Holder (Vision Impaired) – 0

- (c) (i) 326
- (c) (ii) 81
- (d) (i) 291
- (d) (ii) 73

- 2 (a) \$4,070
- (b) \$2,548

Mental health: inpatient beds

2561. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how many beds were funded in each adult acute mental health service and unit location as at June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there were a total of 564 funded beds across Victoria’s 22 general adult acute inpatient units as at June 2008 broken down as follows:

Health Service–Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Total Beds
Austin Health – North East	Heidelberg	15
Alfred Health – Inner South East	Prahran	54
Eastern Health – Outer East	Ringwood East	35

Health Service–Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Total Beds
Eastern Health – Central East	Box Hill	25
Melbourne Health – Inner West	Parkville	25
Melbourne Health – Mid West	Sunshine	25
Melbourne Health – North West	Broadmeadows	25
Melbourne Health – Northern	Epping	25
Peninsula Health – Peninsula	Frankston	29
Southern Health – Middle South	Clayton	28
Southern Health – Dandenong	Dandenong	47
Southern Health (Casey) – Dandenong	Berwick	25
St Vincent’s – Inner Urban East	Fitzroy	39
Werribee Mercy – South West	Werribee	25
Ballarat Health – Grampians	Ballarat	23
Barwon Health – Barwon	Geelong	20
South West Health Care – Glenelg	Warrnambool	10
Bendigo Health – Loddon Southern Mallee	Bendigo	24
Mildura Base Hospital – Northern Mallee	Mildura	10
Latrobe Regional Hospital – Gippsland	Traralgon	25
Goulburn Valley Health – Hume	Shepparton	15
Wangaratta Base Hospital – Northeast Victoria Mental Health	Wangaratta	15

Mental health: inpatient beds

2562. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to funding for beds in adult acute mental health units:

In each health service and unit location:

- (1) How many beds were funded as at June 2009.
- (2) How many beds have opened between June 2009 and 8 December 2009.
- (3) How many beds were under construction between June 2009 and 8 December 2009.
- (4) How many beds were in development between June 2009 and 8 December 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Funded Beds June 09	Opened June – Dec 09	Construction and development June – Dec 09
Austin Health – North East	Heidelberg	15	4	0
Alfred Health – Inner South East	Prahran	54	0	0
Eastern Health – Outer East	Ringwood East	35	15	0

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Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Funded Beds June 09	Opened June – Dec 09	Construction and development June – Dec 09
Eastern Health – Central East	Box Hill	25	0	0
Melbourne Health – Inner West	Parkville	28	0	0
Melbourne Health – Orygen Youth Health	Footscray	16	0	0
Melbourne Health – Mid West	Sunshine	25	0	0
Melbourne Health – North West	Broadmeadows	25	0	0
Melbourne Health – Northern	Epping	25	0	25
Peninsula Health – Peninsula	Frankston	29	0	0
Southern Health – Middle South	Clayton	28	0	0
Southern Health – Dandenong	Dandenong	47	0	50
Southern Health (Casey) – Dandenong	Berwick	25	0	0
St Vincent’s – Inner Urban East	Fitzroy	39	0	0
Werribee Mercy – South West	Werribee	25	0	0
Ballarat Health – Grampians	Ballarat	23	0	23
Barwon Health – Barwon	Geelong	20	0	6
South West Health Care – Glenelg	Warrnambool	10	0	0
Bendigo Health – Loddon Southern Mallee	Bendigo	24	0	0
Mildura Base Hospital – Northern Mallee	Mildura	10	0	0
Latrobe Regional Hospital – Gippsland	Traralgon	25	0	0
Goulburn Valley Health – Hume	Shepparton	15	0	0

Health Service – Area Mental Health Service	Location/Suburb	Funded Beds June 09	Opened June – Dec 09	Construction and development June – Dec 09
Wangaratta Base Hospital – Northeast Victoria Mental Health	Wangaratta	15	0	0

Health: dental services — complaints

2613. 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 dental services 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 services — complaints

2614. 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 dental services 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 services — complaints

2615. 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 dental services 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.

Planning: ministerial intervention — Manningham

2628. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Planning — how many, and which, applications has the Minister ‘called in’ in Manningham in:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

One proposal has been ‘called-in’ over this period in the City of Manningham. On 20 November 2009, I determined to ‘call-in’ an application for review from VCAT relating to a 10 storey residential development at 91-93 Tram Road, Doncaster. The development will contribute \$15 million to the Victorian economy and create 200 construction and design jobs.

Water: stormwater projects — Manningham

2632. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — how much money did the Government give to the Manningham City Council for stormwater drainage projects in:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question was originally asked of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. However, as this issue falls within my responsibilities as the Minister for Water I will respond to the question.

The Government has provided a total of \$106,830 funding to Manningham City Council for two demonstration stormwater harvesting projects under the Stormwater and Urban Water Conservation Fund.

Melbourne Water has also provided funding to Manningham City Council for stormwater projects and waterways initiatives.

Public transport: multipurpose taxi program

2646. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — how many people in postcode 3108 applied for the multipurpose taxi concession and, of these, how many were rejected in:

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

ANSWER:

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

- (1) 38 applications were received, 7 of these were rejected.
- (2) 55 applications were received, 12 of these were rejected.
- (3) 64 applications were received, 12 of these were rejected.

Public transport: multipurpose taxi program

2647. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — how many people in postcode 3109 applied for the multipurpose taxi concession and, of these, how many were rejected in:

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

ANSWER:

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

- (1) 42 applications were received, 9 of these were rejected.
- (2) 57 applications were received, 5 of these were rejected.
- (3) 58 applications were received, 10 of these were rejected.

Public transport: multipurpose taxi program

2648. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — how many people in postcode 3111 applied for the multipurpose taxi concession and, of these, how many were rejected in:

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

ANSWER:

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

- (1) 25 applications were received, 3 of these were rejected.
- (2) 28 applications were received, 2 of these were rejected.
- (3) 38 applications were received, 6 of these were rejected.

Community services: Victorian Disability Advisory Council — annual report

2677. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — on which date did the Minister receive in writing the annual report of the Victorian Disability Advisory Council as required under section 12(2) of the *Disability Act 2006*.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council (VDAC) completed an *Achievements Report for 2007-2009* outlining their activities over this period.

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council is not required to produce an Annual Report under S12(2) of the Disability Act 2006 and, as they have no financial management responsibilities and are not required to complete an annual report subject to the *Financial Management Act 1994*, VDAC did not produce an Annual Report for 2008-09.

Community services: disability support register

2685. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many people who were registered with the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2006 were registered as at 30 June 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

These data are unavailable. The method in which clients' ongoing disability support needs were registered in 2006 is significantly different from current systems and practises. Therefore data from the two time points are not directly comparable.

Planning: Mildura planning scheme

2690. Mr **CRISP** to ask the Minister for Housing for the Minister for Planning — with reference to transitional arrangements allowing owners affected by Amendment C58 to the Mildura Planning Scheme to apply for a planning permit:

- (1) How many permits have been approved to date.
- (2) When does the Minister expect the remaining permits to be approved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that applications for planning permits under the provisions of Amendment C59 to the Mildura Planning Scheme are referred to my department, but are determined by Mildura Rural City Council which is the responsible authority.

I am advised that as at 17 February 2010, my department has offered no objection to 6 applications referred to it and has objected to 1 application referred.

Council staff advised my department that as at 17 February 2010:

- 25 applications have been lodged with council
- 3 planning permits have been issued by council
- 22 applications are undetermined by council
- 14 potential applications have not yet been lodged

In response to the second part of your question, as planning permits are issued by the council, I cannot advise when any remaining applications will be determined.

Industry and trade: science agenda

2691. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of Victoria’s Science Agenda and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter falls within the capacity of the Minister for Innovation and should be referred appropriately.

Industry and trade: life sciences computation initiative

2693. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Victorian Life Sciences Computation Initiative and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Innovation.

Industry and trade: technology commercialisation program

2695. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Technology Commercialisation Program and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Innovation.

Industry and trade: Design Victoria strategy

2696. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Design Victoria Strategy and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Innovation.

Industry and trade: information and communications industry plan

2697. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the ICT Industry Plan 2005–2010 and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Information and Communication Technology.

Industry and trade: biotechnology strategic development plan

2698. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Biotechnology Strategic Development Plan 2007 and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Innovation.

Industry and trade: nanotechnology statement

2699. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — what benchmarks are in place to measure the success of the Victorian Nanotechnology Statement and over what time period are these benchmarks measured.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade and should be referred to the Minister for Innovation.

Health: patient information

2712. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What is the correct process to be undertaken by a patient or ex-patient when requesting an explanation of:
 - (a) what diagnosis was made by their treating doctor;
 - (b) on what basis a particular diagnosis was made;
 - (c) what treatment was undertaken and why.
- (2) Does a patient or ex-patient have the right to request an explanation in writing of:
 - (a) what diagnosis was made by their treating doctor;
 - (b) on what basis a particular diagnosis was made;
 - (c) what treatment was undertaken and why.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) All patients and ex-patients under the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights in Victoria (the Charter) can
 - (a) Ask their treating doctor what diagnosis was made. This is stated under the rights of Communication and Safety in the Charter. Patients have a right to receive clear, accurate and easily understandable information about their health care, condition and diagnosis. Medical staff are required to provide full information to the patient in a manner that is most accessible to them. This may include, for example, information provided in a relevant language through the services of an accredited interpreter. To facilitate this, patients are encouraged to provide full information about their health condition and to request explanation and information.
 - (b) Under the rights of Safety, Participation, and Communication in the Charter, patients have the right to be fully informed about how and on what basis a diagnosis of their condition is made. Patients also have the right to seek and obtain a second medical opinion.
 - (c) Under the rights of Participation and Comment, patients are supported to take an active role in their health care and to be included in decisions and choices about their care and treatment. This includes information about different treatment options, their benefits, expected outcomes, risks and possible side effects. Patients are encouraged to provide their healthcare provider with all relevant information so that the healthcare provider can offer the most appropriate treatment plan and care. Patients also have the right to participate as fully as they wish in decisions about their care and treatment, which includes all the information they need to make informed decisions, the opportunity to ask questions, talk with carers, family and friends before making a decision and to have a chosen support person involved in their care.
- (2) Under the right of Communication patients have the right to receive clear and understandable information in an accessible manner. This may include a request for a written explanation of
 - (a) what diagnosis was made by their treating doctor
 - (b) on what basis a particular diagnosis was made;
 - (c) what treatment was undertaken and why.

Under the right of Privacy patients also have a right to access their healthcare record. If they are unable to access their full healthcare record patients can apply under Freedom of Information laws for their complete record.

Public transport: rail — Frankston line

2713. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — how much have passenger numbers increased on the Frankston rail line during 2008–09.

ANSWER:

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

7.2 per cent.

Note: Growth is measured by the estimated average weekday patronage (passenger boardings) at stations on the Frankston line (Glenhuntly to Frankston).

Public transport: rail — Sandringham line

2714. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — how much have passenger numbers increased on the Sandringham rail line during 2008–09.

ANSWER:

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

2.3 per cent

Note: Growth is measured by the estimated average weekday patronage (passenger boardings) at stations on the Sandringham line (Pahran to Sandringham).

Treasurer: Land Tax Hardship Relief Board — entertainment expenses

2721. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to the Land Tax Hardship Relief Board'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 no entertainment expenses were incurred by the Land Tax Hardship Relief Board in 2009.

Treasurer: entertainment expenses

2730. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to the Department of Treasury and Finance'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 total entertainment expenses (Account 53701 Entertainment Subject to FBT) for DTF in Calendar year 2009 was \$72,983.44

Treasurer: travel, entertainment and alcohol expenses

2731. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — what expenses were incurred by the Treasurer and ministerial staff in 2009 for:

- (1) Interstate travel, including airfares, accommodation and expenses.

- (2) Entertainment, including restaurant and catering expenses.
- (3) Alcohol.

ANSWER:

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

- 1) The cost including airfares, accommodation and expenses for travel in 2009 was \$26,357.05
- 2) The cost of entertainment expenses including restaurant and catering in 2009 was \$38.
- 3) No expenses were incurred for the purchase of alcohol in 2009.

Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — media and communications staff

2732. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to officers in the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria who were engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations during 2009:

- (1) How many officers were engaged in communications.
- (2) What was the salary band for each officer.
- (3) What is the job title of each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that with reference to the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria:

- 1) There were two officers, overseen by the CEO, engaged in communications including public, corporate and media relations during 2009.
- 2) As there are only two officers it is inappropriate to disclose the salaries on the grounds of privacy but salaries are within market levels for comparable positions.
- 3) The titles are Marketing Manager and Marketing Assistant.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — media and communications staff

2733. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to officers in the State Trustees Ltd who were engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations during 2009:

- (1) How many officers were engaged.
- (2) What was the salary band of each officer.
- (3) What was the job title of each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that with reference to the State Trustees Limited:

1. There were three officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations during 2009:
2. As there were only three officers it is inappropriate to disclose the salaries on the grounds of privacy but salaries are within the market levels for comparable positions.
3. The titles are Manager, Communications; Media Adviser; and Communications Coordinator.

Planning: growth area infrastructure contribution

2735. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Housing for the Minister for Planning — what is the total amount of forecast revenue under the growth area infrastructure contribution, first introduced by the Government in 2003, for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. The State Budget has published revenue forecasts for the four years beginning in the 2009/10 fiscal year. These are:
 - \$84.7 million (2009/10).
 - \$51.3 million (2010/11).
 - \$46.8 million (2011/12).
 - \$46.8 million (2012/13).

Consumer affairs: liquor licensing fees

2737. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs — what is the total amount of forecast revenue under the Government’s risk-based liquor licensing fees, 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 advised that:

The forecast revenue from liquor licence fees is consistent with the *Regulatory Impact Statement—Liquor Control Reform Regulations 2009* (August 2009). The forecast revenue for the budget forward estimates period is contained in the table below.

Financial year	Forecast revenue from liquor licence fees (\$m)
2009-10	32.3
2010-11	35.8
2011-12	35.8
2012-13	35.8

The new risk-based liquor licence fee structure took effect on 1 January 2010. The estimated revenue for the 2009-10 financial year of \$32.3 million comprises the new risk-based annual renewal fees for the 2010 calendar year (payable on 1 January 2010), application fees for 6 months under the old fee structure (1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009) and application fees for 6 months under the new fee structure (1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010). The estimated revenue for 2010-11 to 2012-13 is \$35.8 million per year.

The liquor licence fees include application fees administered by the Department of Justice and annual renewal fees administered by the State Revenue Office.

Roads and ports: motor vehicle registration

2742. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — with reference to revenue collected under the \$80 motor vehicle registration charge for pensioners, war veterans and healthcare card holders, first introduced by the Government in 2005:

- (1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:
 - (a) 2004/05;
 - (b) 2005/06;
 - (c) 2006/07;
 - (d) 2007/08; and
 - (e) 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, as at the date the question was raised:

The amount of motor vehicle registration revenue collected by VicRoads in respect of pensioners, war veterans and healthcare cardholders for each financial year listed was:

- 2004/05-\$58,324,498.
- 2005/06-\$56,762,495.
- 2006/07-\$58,266,020.
- 2007/08-\$59,997,449.
- 2008/09-\$62,813,039.

The revenue forecast based on a standard volume growth assumption of 2.5 per cent is estimated to be:

- 2009/10-\$66 Million.
- 2010/11-\$69 Million.
- 2011/12-\$72 Million.
- 2012/13-\$74 Million.

Roads and ports: motor vehicle transfer duty

2745. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — how much duty was paid in respect of the transfer of second-hand motor vehicles in 2009.

ANSWER:

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

The amount of motor vehicle duty collected by VicRoads, in respect of the transfer of second hand motor vehicles for the calendar year 2009 was \$221,376,318.

Public transport: rail — Nunawading underpass

2749. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — at the Nunawading rail underpass:

- (1) Is land available to install a third train line.
- (2) Was land that could be used for a third train line excavated during installation.
- (3) When does the Government intend to install a third train line.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) No decision has been made.

Water: Goulburn-Murray Water — administration costs

2751. Mr WELLER to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to Goulburn-Murray Water's administration costs:

- (1) What was the breakdown of costs for 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09, specifying:
 - (a) board costs;
 - (b) consultative water service committees;
 - (c) executive staff salaries and related expenditure;
 - (d) non-executive staff salaries and related expenditure; and
 - (e) consultants' fees.
- (2) Since 2004/05, has an increase in:
 - (a) board costs;
 - (b) consultative water service committees costs;
 - (c) executive staff salaries and related expenditure;
 - (d) non-executive staff salaries and related expenditure; and
 - (e) consultants' fees:

exceeded the percentage increase in the consumer price index; if so, why.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For Goulburn-Murray Water, the cost breakdown for the following items for 2004–05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows. Reasons are provided where expenditure increases have been higher than inflation.

- The **board costs** were \$645,045 for 2004-05; \$627,891 for 2005-06; \$706,033 for 2006-07; \$769,373 for 2007-08; and \$748,045 for 2008-09. The cumulative increase is 15.9 per cent over four years, which is higher than the cumulative inflation rate of 12.6 per cent over the same period.

The board costs vary from year to year but increases were higher than yearly inflation for 2006-07 and 2007-08 due to additional and longer water services committees forums which members attended to discuss issues such as modernisation, metering standards and the move towards basin pricing.

- The **consultative water services committees' costs** were \$287,845 for 2004-05; \$267,538 for 2005-06; \$289,915 for 2006-07; \$401,495 for 2007-08; and \$313,746 for 2008-09. The cumulative increase is 8.9 per cent over four years which is lower than the cumulative inflation rate of 12.6 per cent over the same period.

Water services committees' costs vary from year to year but increases were higher than yearly inflation for 2006-07 and 2007-08 due to additional and longer water services committees forums to discuss emerging issues such as modernisation, metering standards and the move towards basin pricing.

- The **executive staff salaries and superannuation** were \$1,140,109 for 2004-05; \$1,061,354 for 2005-06; \$852,910 for 2006-07; \$778,159 for 2007-08; and \$725,568 for 2008-09. There was a cumulative decrease in the expenditure on this item of 36.4 per cent over the four years due to a restructure in the organisation which reduced the number of executives reporting directly to the Managing Director.
- The **non-executive staff salaries and superannuation (including externally funded placements and secondments)** were \$8,485,804 for 2004-05; \$9,004,412 for 2005-06; \$9,492,408 for 2006-07; \$10,852,323 for 2007-08; and \$13,546,859 for 2008-09. The cumulative increase of 31 per cent over four years is higher than the cumulative inflation rate of 12.6 per cent over the same period.
- For each year of these four years, increases in expenditure were higher than the yearly inflation rate due to Goulburn-Murray Water's restructure of its organisation and business systems (Information Technology and Geographic Information systems).
- Higher staff numbers as a result of increased water trading, licensing and unbundling activities added further to the costs.
- Higher staff numbers were also required as a result of increased externally funded activities undertaken on behalf of other agencies (Department of Sustainability and Environment, *Living Murray*, *FutureFlow* and its independent business unit, *Watermove*) and expanded activities to support increased regulatory obligations to meet occupational health and safety standards, risk management required under the *Terrorism (Community Protection) Act 2003* and enforcement activities (risk and asset management and groundwater management).
- Finally, increased dam management activities and increases in the base administration expenditure also added to the costs.
- The **consultants' fees** were \$655,236 for 2004-05; \$198,250 for 2005-06; \$224,068 for 2006-07; \$368,332 for 2007-08; and \$478,377 for 2008-09. There was a cumulative decrease in expenditure on this item of 26.9 per cent over the four years.

Expenditure on consultants varied but increases were higher than yearly inflation in 2006-07 (compared to the low expenditure in 2005-06), 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Consultancies for 2008 and 2009 include the review into the operations and effectiveness of water services committees, *FutureFlow* Alliance guidance and project costing, revenue models and business planning.

Public transport: train services

2752. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — on each metropolitan train line:

- (1) How many train services were delivered in:
 - (a) December 2009; and
 - (b) January 2010.

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- (2) How many train services were cancelled in:
- (a) December 2009; and
 - (b) January 2010.
- (3) What percentage of services were cancelled in:
- (a) December 2009; and
 - (b) January 2010.

ANSWER:

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

(1–3)

December 2009:

Line	Services Operated	Services Cancelled	Cancellation percentage
Alamein	3500	34	1.0
Belgrave	3212	12	0.4
Craigieburn	3816	37	1.0
Cranbourne	2794	15	0.5
Epping	3683	21	0.6
Frankston	4208	39	0.9
Glen Waverley	3979	24	0.6
Hurstbridge	4038	32	0.8
Lilydale	4512	50	1.1
Pakenham	3093	22	0.7
Sandringham	4329	45	1.0
Stony Point	532	8	1.5
Sydenham	3523	14	0.4
Upfield	3099	19	0.6
Werribee	4251	48	1.1
Williamstown	3143	102	3.2

January 2010:

Line	Services Operated	Services Cancelled	Cancellation percentage
Alamein	3515	54	1.5
Belgrave	3265	28	0.9
Craigieburn	3740	45	1.2
Cranbourne	2737	14	0.5
Epping	3603	44	1.2
Frankston	4083	69	1.7
Glen Waverley	3771	124	3.3
Hurstbridge	3926	50	1.3
Lilydale	5466	89	1.6

Line	Services Operated	Services Cancelled	Cancellation percentage
Pakenham	2952	56	1.9
Sandringham	4215	65	1.5
Stony Point	536	4	0.7
Sydenham	3486	19	0.5
Upfield	3093	27	0.9
Werribee	4121	70	1.7
Williamstown	3128	105	3.4

Agriculture: staff

2753. **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Agriculture with reference to each of the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria, Agricultural Victoria Services Pty Ltd, Dairy Food Safety Victoria, Phytogene Pty Ltd, PrimeSafe and the Victorian Strawberry Development Committee:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Information on staff numbers are provided in the annual reports of agencies and authorities.

Public transport: rail — staff

2754. **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport with reference to each of V/Line Passenger Corporation and Victorian Rail Track:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 30 June 2009, V/Line employed 1,382 staff and VicTrack employed 196 staff.
- (2) V/Line's head office is located at Level 23, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne and its Regional Network Access office is at 628 Bourke Street, Melbourne. In addition, V/Line operates across hundreds of sites (including railway stations and depots). A list of stations is available at <www.vline.com.au>.

VicTrack's offices are located at:

- 1010 La Trobe Street Docklands VIC 3008
- 595 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000
- 1 Lauren Street North Melbourne VIC 3051

- (3) V/Line has a large mobile workforce whose deployment changes frequently so it is not possible to detail the number of employees at each location. All staff report to V/Line’s head office.

VicTrack employs:

- 158 staff at 1010 La Trobe Street Docklands VIC 3008
- 26 staff at 595 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000
- 12 staff at 1 Lauren Street North Melbourne VIC 3051

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Victorian WorkCover Authority — staff

2755. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission with reference to the Victorian WorkCover Authority:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

1. I am informed that there were 1238 Full Time Equivalent employees paid by the Victorian WorkCover Authority for the month of February.

2. & 3.

The locations of the offices maintained, and the number of FTE at each is listed in the table below. These figures include contractors and employees seconded from TAC.

Location	No. of FTE
BALLARAT	14
BENDIGO	15
BOURKE ST	47
DANDENONG	15
EXHIBITION ST	934
GEELONG	16
LONSDALE	87
MILDURA	4
MULGRAVE	43
PRESTON	37
SHEPPARTON	7
TRARALGON	7
WANGARATTA	9
WARRNAMBOOL	7
Total	1,238

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — staff

2756. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Country Fire Authority:

- (1) How many non firefighting staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many non firefighting staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) As of 28 February 2010, 989 full time equivalent (FTE) non firefighting staff were employed by the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

- (2) & (3)

The table below shows the locations of all offices maintained, and the number of non-firefighting staff employed at each office (FTE) as of 28 February 2010:

Location	Total (FTE)
Ararat	5
Bairnsdale	9
Ballan	31
Ballarat	52
Bangholme	13
Bendigo	21
Burwood East	400
Casterton	3
Colac	6
Cranbourne	7
Dandenong	54
Geelong	56
Hamilton	32
Horsham	15
Kangaroo Flat	4
Kerang	4
Knoxfield	5
Lilydale	56
Melton	40
Moe	4
Mt Evelyn	4
North Geelong	7
Penshurst	1
Sale	32
Seymour	12
Shepparton	30
Swan Hill	29
Wangaratta	34
Warragul	9
Warrnambool	7
Wodonga	4
Total	989

Racing: staff

2757. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Racing with reference to each of Greyhound Racing Victoria and Harness Racing Victoria:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- 1) Information requested is publicly available in the HRV and GRV annual reports for 2009.
- 2) HRV maintains an office at 400 Epsom Road Flemington.
GRV maintains one office at 46-50 Chetwynd St West Melbourne; and
- 3) HRV staff are formally based at the location above. However, stewards and other operational staff spend significant time working at race tracks around the State.
GRV Staff are formally based at the location above. However, stewards and other operational staff spend significant time working at race tracks around the State.

Housing: staff

2764. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the Office of Housing:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at February 2010, 587 staff were employed at head office by the Office of Housing.
- (2) & (3)
The number of staff employed at each housing office as at February 2010 is provided in the table below.

Housing Office	Staff Numbers as at February 2010
Geelong	33
Warrnambool	12
Ballarat	28
Horsham	5
Bendigo	29
Mildura/Swan Hill	17
Wodonga	9
Shepparton	8
Benalla	4

Housing Office	Staff Numbers as at February 2010
Wangaratta	3
Seymour	3
Morwell	30
Sale	7
Bairnsdale	1
Ascot Vale	25
Footscray	14
Carlton	15
North Melbourne	16
Sunshine	30
Collingwood	24
Richmond	14
Fitzroy	10
Preston	40
Broadmeadows	27
Box Hill	31
Ringwood	22
Prahran	21
South Melbourne	14
Cheltenham	21
Frankston	26
Dandenong	40

Education: hold harmless clause

2767(l). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education 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.

Planning: hold harmless clause

2767(u). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Planning 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 that:

To answer this question would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources.

Public transport: myki ticketing system

2768. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport does the myki online registration system use electoral roll data to verify and assist in the ticketing system.

ANSWER:

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

The myki online registration system does not use electoral roll data to verify and assist in the ticketing system.

Public transport: rail — Brighton level crossing

2769. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the New Street, Brighton railway gates:

- (1) When will the dispute resolution panel, of Mr Thomas Sargent and Mr Phillip Jordan, report to the Minister.
- (2) When does the Minister expect to make a decision on the future of the New Street railway gates.

ANSWER:

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

(1–2) The dispute resolution panel of Mr Thomas Sargent and Mr Phillip Jordan are finalising their determination. They are expected to report to the Ministers for Public Transport and Local Government, and provide the determination to the parties to the dispute, in the coming weeks.

Police and emergency services: cycling offences

2771. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to offence code 2230 (misuse bicycle path, separated footpath or shared path or footpath or fail to use bicycle lane) listed in *VicRoads Traffic Infringement Notice Penalties for Cyclist Related Offences*, how many cyclists were fined in:

- (1) 2003/04.
- (2) 2004/05.
- (3) 2005/06.
- (4) 2006/07.
- (5) 2007/08.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The number of penalty notices issued for the offence of 'Misuse bicycle path, separated footpath or shared path or footpath or fail to use bicycle lane', between 2003/04 and 2007/08, is provided in the following table:

		2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
2230	Misuse bicycle path, separated footpath or shared path or footpath or fail to use bicycle lane	61	34	44	41	37

Police and emergency services: cycling offences

2772. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to road rule 250(3)(b), published in *Gazette P2, 28 October 1999, pp 192–3* regarding footpaths and shared paths, how many cyclists were fined for their failure to comply in:

- (1) 2003/04.
- (2) 2004/05.
- (3) 2005/06.
- (4) 2006/07.
- (5) 2007/08.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police advises that it does not record statistics down to the level of 'failure to give way to any pedestrian on the footpath or shared path'.

Housing: solar hot water systems — southern metropolitan region

2775. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to properties owned or leased by the Office of Housing in the Southern Metropolitan region:

- (1) How many have a solar hot water system.
- (2) What percentage have a solar hot water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of properties in the Southern Metropolitan Region that have solar hot water is 275.
- (2) The percentage of properties in the Southern Metropolitan Region with solar hot water is 1.7%.

Housing: Frankston office — waiting list

2779. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to public housing covered by the Frankston Regional Housing office:

- (1) What was the waiting list as at:

- (a) 30 June 2005;
- (b) 30 June 2006;
- (c) 30 June 2007;
- (d) 30 June 2008;
- (e) 30 June 2009.

(2) What is the average waiting time for people on the waiting list.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) The waiting list for Frankston Regional Housing office as at:

- (a) 30 June 2005 was 1,585.
- (b) 30 June 2006 was 1,564;
- (c) 30 June 2007 was 1,633;
- (d) 30 June 2008 was 1,802;
- (e) 30 June 2009 was 2,111.

(2) The statewide waiting time for early housing applicants was 7.1 months at June 2009.

Community services: emergency respite services

2781. **Mr MORRIS** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to emergency respite services in postcodes 3930, 3931 and 3934:

- (1) How many services are located in each.
- (2) How much government funding did each service receive in:
 - (a) 2006/07;
 - (b) 2007/08;
 - (c) 2008/09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government funds one residential respite facility in postcodes 3930, 3931, and 3934. It is located in postcode 3931.

Families and carers of Victorians with a disability may also access respite services in the home or through a range of other flexible options, which are available to suit the needs of the person with a disability and their carers.

Respite funding information is not available at the postcode level.

Environment and climate change: emission and energy tool kits

2783. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$2.65 million in funding for a toolkit to cut emissions and improve energy announced on 8 August 2002:

- (1) How much funding was spent on the project.
- (2) How many toolkits were produced.

- (3) How many toolkits have been distributed.
- (4) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government announced \$2.65 million in funding over 3 years to assist businesses through the Industry Greenhouse Program (IGP) run by EPA Victoria, with assistance from the then Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria (SEAV), as part of the Victorian Greenhouse Strategy, adopted in June 2002.

As part of the IGP, SEAV spent approximately \$80,000 on the development, printing and distribution of the *Energy and Greenhouse Management Toolkit* for businesses. All copies have been distributed.

EPA published a number of reports on the IGP, including a final evaluation report in September 2007 (*Delivering Business Benefits from Energy Efficiency—The Achievements of EPA Victoria’s Industry Greenhouse Program*). An independent consultant verified the program’s findings and a ‘statement of verification’ was included with the IGP final report.

The IGP was a very successful program. It delivered a reduction of 1.23 megatonnes of CO2 equivalent per year and annual savings to business of \$38.2 million.

The Victorian Government has built on the success of EPA’s Industry Greenhouse Program by introducing Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans for the state’s 250 biggest energy and water users in 2008.

To date, EREP participants have made financial savings of over \$70 million, and have committed to actions that will deliver energy savings of over 4500 terajoules of energy (enough to power 90,000 households) and water savings of over 5000 million litres per year (equivalent to around 90,000 Melburnians’ water usage). Their energy savings will also deliver reductions of 900,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

Environment and climate change: carbon storage

2784. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — With reference to \$2 million in funding for carbon storage science announced on 3 September 2002:

- (1) How much of the funding has been spent on carbon capture and storage.
- (2) Who received the funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This project did not aim to “capture” and store carbon. The project’s focus was on improving our scientific understanding of the way carbon is captured, stored and emitted from forests; to develop a better way of calculating carbon storage in plantation forests and to deliver an up-to-date estimate of the amount of carbon stored in aboveground biomass in Victorian state forests.
- (2) The funding was received by the University of Melbourne’s Forest Science Centre. The Centre is now called the Department of Forest and Ecosystem Science.
- (3) The project was run under the terms of DSE’s research partnership with the University of Melbourne. The partnership provides research in forest science related topics to DSE. The partnership is overseen by a Management Committee and a Project Control Group that manages the delivery of a range of DSE-funded projects, including this project. This project was delivered and evaluated under these partnership arrangements.

DSE is now focusing on translating forest carbon science into practical opportunities for Victorian landowners. Victoria was the first state to model the amount of carbon stored in our public forests, parks and reserves using the national carbon accounting system the Commonwealth proposes to use under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

The Victorian LandCarbon project takes into account how bushfire, fuel reduction burning and harvesting impact levels of carbon stored on our public land.

The project is generating information that will enable Victorian landowners, including farmers, to make more informed decisions about our natural resources and future reforestation projects. It will help drive green jobs and future investment in carbon storage on both public and private land.

Environment and climate change: greenhouse gas emissions

2788. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change how many tonnes of greenhouse gas were emitted in:

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2007.
- (3) 2008.
- (4) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The compilation of Australia's emissions data—called the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory (NGGI)—is undertaken annually by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE).

The most recent NGGI was published in May 2009 and provides greenhouse emissions data for the period 1990 to 2007.

Based on the latest NGGI, Victoria's net greenhouse gas emissions were 119.4 and 119.2 million tonnes (Mt) in 2003 and 2007 respectively. Net greenhouse gas emissions include CO₂ removals due to carbon sinks.

During this period of strong population and economic growth, this represents a significant improvement in the efficiency of the Victorian economy with emissions reducing from 543 tonnes per \$ million GSP in 2003 compared with 481 tonnes per \$ million GSP in 2007.

The government has taken a range of actions to reduce Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions, including the establishment of the Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) scheme, the Energy Saver Incentive and EPA Victoria's Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans (EREP).

However, the government has consistently said that the establishment of a carbon price at the national level will be the key driver for emissions reduction across the Victorian economy.

Emissions data inventories are typically published by DCCEE with a lag of around two years due to delays in collation and analysis of data.

The 2008 emissions data is therefore expected to be published in the first half of this year followed by the release of the 2009 emissions data next year.

Environment and climate change: greenhouse gas emissions

2789. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$2 million in funding to help Victorians reduce greenhouse gas emissions announced on 8 November 2003:

- (1) How much has been spent on greenhouse gas reduction.
- (2) What initiatives and/or projects have been funded.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Community Action Fund was a Victorian Government funding initiative which formed part of the Victorian Greenhouse Strategy. It was aimed at encouraging and supporting community groups to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the residential and business sectors.

All \$2 million of the Community Action Fund (Round 1 and Round 2) was expended on projects and actions aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The list below details recipients and projects funded through Round 1 and 2 of the Community Action Fund:

ROUND 1 GRANTS

No	Project Title	Lead Partner	Total
1	Sustainable Living Grant	City of Port Phillip	\$50,000
2	Sustainability Street	Environs Australia	\$50,000
3	Community Power	City of Darebin	\$50,000
4	Green Home Action	Environment Victoria	\$50,000
5	Knox Greenhouse Project	City of Knox	\$5,100
6	Household Energy Assessments	Moreland Energy Foundation	\$44,192
7	Small Business Energy Action	Moreland Energy Foundation	\$43,580
8	Carbon Cuts Challenge	CERES	\$49,020
9	Biodiesel Transport Fuel Project	Alternative Technology Association	\$49,000
10	Small Industry, Big Energy	City of Hume	\$23,000
11	Neighbourhood House Energy Retrofit	City of Hume	\$9,150
12	Cool Bayside Business Partnership	Bayside City Council	\$11,160
13	The Mow Down	Enviromower	\$48,852
14	Cycle Instead	Bicycle Victoria	\$50,000
15	Monitoring Carbon in Multiple Benefit Revegetation	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Group	\$49,940
16	Seeds and Trees for the Future	Mission Australia	\$44,000
17	Facilitating On-Farm Greenhouse Gas Abatement	Birchip Cropping Group	\$50,000
18	Community Car Pooling	Warrnambool City Council	\$29,950
19	Environmental Education Centre	Camperdown College	\$33,000
20	Climate Care	City of Greater Bendigo	\$50,000

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No	Project Title	Lead Partner	Total
21	Gas Down	J E Stronell & Associates (Dunolly)	\$23,000
22	Climate Savers Home Action Program	St Lukes Anglicare (Bendigo)	\$32,000
23	Wonderland Shuttlebus	Parks Victoria	\$10,500
24	Building Integrated Photovoltaic Showcase	Victoria University	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$905,444

ROUND 2 GRANTS

No	Project Title	Lead Partner	Total
1	Cut the Carbon—Sustainable Schools have the edge	CERES	\$55,000
2	Brighton Environmental Action Community Helpers	Brighton Cluster of Schools	\$27,258
3	Demonstrating your Energy Saving Future	Bendigo Access Employment	\$13,200
4	Pathway to Community Change	Sunraysia TAFE	\$22,000
5	Wonderland Eco-Shuttlebus	Parks Victoria	\$13,134
6	Sinking for Profit	Sunraysia TAFE	\$27,500
7	MOWDOWN	Enviromower	\$54,439
8	Families of the Future—the two wheel revolution	Environment Victoria	\$9,455.60
9	“Power Me Down”	City of Kingston	\$16,500
10	Landowner identification & lowering of GGE on farms	Corangamite Shire	\$21,450
11	Greening our Hubs	City of Port Phillip	\$50,600
12	The Phoenix Fridge Project	MEFL	\$55,000
13	Lowering Emissions: Growing Community	MEFL	\$51,779.20
14	Green Home Action in the Vietnamese Community	Environment Victoria	\$55,000
15	Community Green Team Campaign	Hobsons Bay City Council	\$21,252
16	Mission Biodiesel	Mission Biodiesel	\$33,000
17	Sustainable Communities Program	Banyule City Council	\$27,500
18	GreenSaver: Household Audit and Retrofit Program	City of Melbourne	\$43,412.60
19	Combined Churches Tackling GGE	Uniting Church	\$17,050
20	Business Energy Efficiency Program	Frankston City Council	\$17,050
21	Bass Coast Green House Action	Powlett Project Landcare Group	\$53,779
22	Climate Friendly Schools	CVGA	\$55,000
38	Community Power Project Officer	Darebin City Council	\$27,159
39	EcoMapping and EcoMonitoring—Civic Officer	Manningham City Council	\$12,100

No	Project Title	Lead Partner	Total
40	CALD Cuts, Hot Savings	Russian Ethnic Rep Council	\$27,500
41	Green Sports	City of Greater Dandenong	\$55,000
43	Action Research: "Living for the Future"	City of Boroondara	\$38,720
44	Altona Meadows Library ESD Demonstration Project	Hobsons Bay City Council	\$55,000
45	ABC: awareness, behaviour & community involvement	Craig Family Centre Inc	\$55,000
46	Climate Care Partnership	City of Greater Bendigo	\$27,500
		TOTAL	\$1,038,338.40

An evaluation of Round 1 and 2 of the Community Action Fund was undertaken by the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The significant public awareness of climate change generated by the program was highly valued by these communities.

The evaluation estimated that abatement of up to 3000 tonnes of CO₂-e per annum occurred for Round 1 projects and 5000 tonnes of CO₂-e per annum occurred for Round 2 projects.

Environment and climate change: resource efficiency program

2790. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change has the New Resource Efficiency Program for water and energy users announced on 20 September 2007 been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The 250 business sites participating in EPA's Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans (EREP) program are delivering significant energy, water and financial savings.

Businesses are implementing actions to deliver:

- energy savings of more than 4,500 terajoules per year (enough to power around 90,000 households)
- water savings of more than 5 billion litres/year (equivalent to the annual water usage of around 90,000 Melburnians), and
- waste savings of more than 100,000 tonnes/year
- financial savings: more than \$70 million/year.

The EREP program requires businesses to implement actions with a payback period of three years or less. This ensures savings are delivered to the Victorian environment and economy.

To date, businesses have found the average payback period of actions is only 10 months. This demonstrates that many improvements can be made without major capital expenditure, so both environmental and financial returns are fast.

Businesses making these savings will be in a stronger position as energy and water prices increase. They will also be well placed to take advantage of opportunities presented by potential carbon markets.

Businesses report each year to EPA on their actual savings realised from implemented projects.

Case studies of businesses realising savings through EREP are available on the EPA website:
www.epa.vic.gov.au/erep

Environment and climate change: farmer efficiency

2792. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$7 million in funding to help farmers improve efficiency announced on 21 October 2008:

- (1) How many farmers have accessed the funding.
- (2) How much has been spent.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Environment and climate change: major water planning

2793. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$2.9 million in funding for major water planning announced on 16 August 2001:

- (1) How much has been spent.
- (2) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Environment and climate change: Lake Mokoan

2796. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to \$14 million in funding for the Lake Mokoan project announced on 28 July 2004:

- (1) Has all of the funding been spent.
- (2) What was the final, total cost of the project.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.
- (4) How many additional megalitres of environmental flows were provided to the Murray River.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Environment and climate change: Living Murray initiative

2797. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to funding for the first water recovery project under the Living Murray Initiative announced on 18 January 2006:

- (1) How much was spent.
- (2) When was all funding spent.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what are the results.
- (4) How many gigalitres were returned to the environment in:
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007;
 - (c) 2008;
 - (d) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: child protection order checks

2798. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to child protection order checks:

- (1) In each month from January 2009 until the end of January 2010, how many checks were conducted.
- (2) How many EFT staff and at what level were employed to conduct checks as at:
 - (a) 1 January 2009;
 - (b) 1 January 2010.
- (3) What is the average time taken to conduct a check.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services receives applications for child protection order checks. A check is undertaken on each name identified in an application and one statement is issued to the applicant. The department records the number of statements issue, not checks conducted.

Industry and trade: Grow your Business grants

2805. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade — with reference to Grow Your Own Business as detailed in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2008/09 report, what benefits were derived from the grant of:

- (1) \$7,500 to AC Techart Electronics Pty Ltd.
- (2) \$1,500 to ASJ Systems.
- (3) \$6,000 to Accuteque Pty Ltd.
- (4) \$6,750 to Advanced Cabinetry Pty Ltd.
- (5) \$11,500 to Advent Print Management Pty Ltd.

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- (6) \$7,500 to Air Aroma International Pty Ltd.
- (7) \$7,500 to Airlinx Heating and Cooling Supply Pty Ltd.
- (8) \$10,975 to Airport West Hydraulics Pty Ltd.
- (9) \$11,500 to ARMS Reliability Pty Ltd.
- (10) \$7,500 to Assetic Pty Ltd.
- (11) \$11,500 to Automation Consultants and Technical Services (ACTS) Pty Ltd.
- (12) \$15,000 to Banyule City Council.
- (13) \$13,500 to Bass Coast Shire Council.
- (14) \$15,000 to Baw Baw Shire Council.
- (15) \$4,000 to Berwick Body Blitz Pty Ltd.
- (16) \$2,547 to Black Rock Smokehouse Company.
- (17) \$11,250 to Branin Pty Ltd.
- (18) \$4,000 to Bright Brewery Pty Ltd.
- (19) \$8,500 Camatic Pty Ltd.
- (20) \$13,500 to Cardinia Shire Council.
- (21) \$4,000 to Casalare Specialty Pasta Pty Ltd.
- (22) \$7,500 to Central Access Limited.
- (23) \$11,500 to Chasemore Engineering Pty Ltd.
- (24) \$11,250 to Chemblast Industrial Coatings (Vic) Pty Ltd.
- (25) \$9,000 to City of Ballarat.
- (26) \$15,000 to City of Casey.
- (27) \$15,000 to City of Greater Bendigo.
- (28) \$10,500 to City of Knox.
- (29) \$10,500 to City of Monash.
- (30) \$15,000 to City of Port Phillip.
- (31) \$15,000 to City of Stonnington.
- (32) \$15,000 to City of Whitehorse.
- (33) \$9,000 to City of Whittlesea.
- (34) \$15,000 to City of Yarra.
- (35) \$5,305 to CJ Dalton and P Gruber.
- (36) \$12,675 to CM and RH Pfeiffer.
- (37) \$11,500 to Cocciardi Pty Ltd.
- (38) \$15,000 to Commerce Ballarat Ltd.
- (39) \$7,250 to Core Contracting Group Pty Ltd.
- (40) \$3,750 to Core Maintenance Group Pty Ltd.
- (41) \$10,975 to Corporate Motor Brokers Pty Ltd.
- (42) \$4,000 to Crawford Catering.
- (43) \$11,500 to CRP Industries Pty Ltd.
- (44) \$7,500 to Crusader Hose Pty Ltd.
- (45) \$8,680 to D Egan Engineering Pty Ltd.
- (46) \$5,300 to Danum Engineering Pty Ltd.
- (47) \$10,500 to Davis Poultry Maryborough Pty Ltd.
- (48) \$2,500 to Diverse Builders Pty Ltd.
- (49) \$9,750 to Docuvan Pty Ltd.
- (50) \$11,475 to Dolphin Products Pty Ltd.

- (51) \$7,500 EDAG Australia Pty Ltd.
- (52) \$4,000 Express Teleconferencing Pty Ltd.
- (53) \$7,500 to Fifty Sixth Jaf Pty Ltd.
- (54) \$10,000 to Figlen Nominees Pty Ltd.
- (55) \$11,500 to Fishers (Latrobe Valley) Pty Ltd.
- (56) \$5,000 to Fitweld Engineering Pty Ltd.
- (57) \$7,500 Flavour Makers Pty Ltd.
- (58) \$15,250 to Flex Pack Service and Supplies Pty Ltd.
- (59) \$5,625 to Frankston City Council.
- (60) \$7,500 to Fresh Brand Communications Digital Pty Ltd.
- (61) \$11,250 to Fresha Pty Ltd.
- (62) \$11,250 to G Johns Orchards.
- (63) \$11,500 to Garnet Manufacturing Pty Ltd.
- (64) \$15,000 to Glass and Glazing Association Victoria Inc.
- (65) \$15,000 to GMIC Ltd.
- (66) \$4,000 to GoldAcres Trading Pty Ltd.
- (67) \$3,525 to Golvad Pty Ltd.
- (68) \$5,625 to Greater Western Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.
- (69) \$4,000 to Grenadier Manufacturing Pty Ltd.
- (70) \$9,325 to GV Centre Disability Services.
- (71) \$11,500 to Hawk Measurement Systems Pty Ltd.
- (72) \$6,600 to Hazeledene's Chicken Farm Pty Ltd.
- (73) \$4,000 to Henry Haymes Pty Ltd.
- (74) \$11,500 to Henselite (Australia) Pty Ltd.
- (75) \$4,000 to Hysport International Pty Ltd.
- (76) \$11,500 to ICS Industries Pty Ltd.
- (77) \$11,500 to Injectronics Australia Pty Ltd.
- (78) \$3,975 to Insulpak Pty Ltd.
- (79) \$8,000 to JS Robinson Industries Pty Ltd.
- (80) \$11,500 to KH Equipment Pty Ltd.
- (81) \$11,500 to Kinetic Engineering Services Pty Ltd.
- (82) \$10,780 to Koustas and Co Pty Ltd.
- (83) \$4,000 to Labcon Industries Pty Ltd.
- (84) \$15,000 to Latrobe City Council.
- (85) \$3,750 to Lens and Shutter Pty Ltd.
- (86) \$7,500 to Lethbridge Air Park.
- (87) \$7,500 to Lite Industries Pty Ltd.
- (88) \$7,500 to Loral Ipsum (Aust) Pty Ltd.
- (89) \$11,500 to Loxley Trading Pty Ltd.
- (90) \$7,500 to Mancine Cosmetics Pty Ltd.
- (91) \$7,500 to Maribymong City Council.
- (92) \$12,000 to Marriott Support Services.
- (93) \$15,000 to Mars Australia Pty Ltd.
- (94) \$11,475 to Megabolt Australia Pty Ltd.
- (95) \$11,500 to Membo Pty Ltd.

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- (96) \$15,000 to Metropolitan Waste Management Group.
- (97) \$11,500 to MicroHeat Technologies Pty Ltd.
- (98) \$7,500 to Mike Scott and Associates and Kilner Riddle Services Pty Ltd.
- (99) \$15,000 to Moorabool Shire Council.
- (100) \$10,875 to Mornington Peninsula Gourmet Inc.
- (101) \$10,500 to Mornington Peninsula Limousines Pty Ltd.
- (102) \$15,000 to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.
- (103) \$9,091 to Mount Talbot Wildflowers Pty Ltd.
- (104) \$11,500 to MTN Tooling Pty Ltd.
- (105) \$11,408 to Multi Panel Pty Ltd.
- (106) \$7,250 to New Touch Laster Cutting Pty Ltd.
- (107) \$15,000 to Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE.
- (108) \$10,750 to Nourish Foods Pty Ltd.
- (109) \$6,620 to Nutri-Green Pty Ltd.
- (110) \$11,500 to PE and PA Campbell Investments Pty Ltd.
- (111) \$7,000 to Paton's Macadamia Plantations Pty Ltd.
- (112) \$11,500 to PB Seeds Pty Ltd.
- (113) \$4,000 to Peddle Thorp Melbourne Pty Ltd.
- (114) \$11,500 to Petstock Pty Ltd.
- (115) \$2,375 to Polaron Language Services Pty Ltd.
- (116) \$11,250 to Portola Australia Pty Ltd.
- (117) \$7,500 to Psychmetrics Pty Ltd.
- (118) \$11,500 to Psychometric Solutions and Innovations Pty Ltd.
- (119) \$9,567 to Raney Pty Ltd.
- (120) \$15,000 to Rich River Irrigations Developments Pty Ltd.
- (121) \$11,500 to RONIC International Pty Ltd.
- (122) \$11,500 to Rosebud Irrigation Pty Ltd.
- (123) \$11,500 to Rudducks Pty Ltd.
- (124) \$7,500 to Sancell Pty Ltd.
- (125) \$11,500 to Selectronic Australia Pty Ltd.
- (126) \$11,500 to Selvac Pty Ltd.
- (127) \$13,500 to Shire of Yarra Ranges.
- (128) \$11,500 to Sleepmaster Pty Ltd.
- (129) \$15,000 to South Gippsland Shire Council.
- (130) \$4,000 to Spicer Canvas Pty Ltd.
- (131) \$11,500 to Spoutvac Industries Pty Ltd.
- (132) \$11,500 to Spring Gas (Aust) Pty Ltd.
- (133) \$11,500 to Stug Australia Pty Ltd.
- (134) \$10,800 to Sunraysia Dried Fruits Pty Ltd.
- (135) \$10,750 Swift Sign Industries Pty Ltd.
- (136) \$11,500 to Techni Waterjet Pty Ltd.
- (137) \$11,000 to The Australian Turntable Company Pty Ltd.
- (138) \$4,000 to Big Strawberry Pty Ltd.
- (139) \$11,500 to Time Animal Health Pty Ltd.
- (140) \$5,600 to Tynacya Pty Ltd.

- (141) \$11,500 to Ultraspin Technology Pty Ltd.
- (142) \$11,500 to UR Mildura Pty Ltd.
- (143) \$2,850 to Victorian Machine Vision Pty Ltd.
- (144) \$7,500 to Wealth Within Holdings Pty Ltd.
- (145) \$30,000 to Wellington Shire Council.
- (146) \$11,500 to Wilderness Wear Australia Pty Ltd.
- (147) \$4,000 to Winning Edge Presentations Pty Ltd.
- (148) \$2,888 to Wobelea Pty Ltd.
- (149) \$9,000 to Wyndham City Council.
- (150) \$2,975 to YV Fresh Pty Ltd.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my capacity as Minister for Industry and Trade but should be referred to the Minister for Small Business.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: National Ice Sports Centre

2810. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the recently completed Icehouse ice skating facility at Docklands and the reported grant of \$10 million provided by the Government to the developers of the project:

- (1) What obligations were placed on the recipients of the grant regarding the use of the facility as a training base for Victoria's elite and high level skaters.
- (2) Are any conditions attached to the grant requiring the operator of the facility to provide training access for elite and high level skaters and coaches; if so, what are the conditions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Funding Deed executed between the State Government and ING required ING to construct the Icehouse and to procure the operation of the facility as a venue for ice sports, at both national and international competitive level, including curling, figure skating, ice hockey and speed skating as well as recreational skating.

ING has also been required to enter into agreements with the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) and Ice Hockey Victoria as well as to engage with Ice Hockey Australia, Ice Hockey Victoria, Ice Skating Victoria [figure skating], the Victorian Curling Association and the Victorian Ice Racing Association [speed skating] in relation to their access and use of the Icehouse.

As a consequence of these requirements, the OWIA will base its administration and training programs for ice sports at the Icehouse to facilitate training access for elite and high level skaters and coaches for the Sochi 2014 Olympiad and beyond.

In addition, each of Victoria's ice sport State Sporting Associations have been allocated time at the Icehouse in accordance with the requests of the Associations, providing an opportunity for not only Victoria's elite and high level skaters to train and compete at a world-class Olympic Training Centre, but for grass roots ice sport clubs and members as well.

The Icehouse has worked in partnership with Ice Sports Victoria, the peak body for all ice sports in Victoria, Ice Sports Australia, the national sporting organisation, and the OWIA to develop its Skate School program. This program will create a pathway for Victoria's beginner level ice sport participants (including skaters) through to the

OWIA's high performance and Olympic programs. In turn, this will provide for greater opportunity for elite and high level skaters and coaches in this state.

ING and Grollo Leisure and Tourism, the Icehouse's operational manager, have also made further investment in Victorian ice sports. In the facility's short time of operation this investment has included:

- 1,800 pairs of figure skating skates;
- 500 pairs of ice hockey skates;
- 400 helmets [available to all skaters free of charge];
- 50 sets of Ice Hockey equipment (including sticks, protective equipment and uniforms) [approximately \$50,000];
- Curling rocks [approximately \$60,000] and cool storage required for the rocks; and
- Speed skating mats [approximately 90,000].

This investment is well in excess of \$250,000.

All of this provides an opportunity for all Victorians and visitors to this great state with an opportunity to participate in these sports at a reduced cost avoiding a typical barrier to participation in ice sports.

These arrangements support the State Government's 'Go for Your Life' initiative in getting more people active more often to improve the health and wellbeing of all Victorians.

Local government: Auditor-General's report

2811. Mrs POWELL to ask the Minister for Local Government — with reference to the Auditor-General's Report *Local Government: Results of the 2008–09 Audits*:

- (1) Can the Minister explain the apparent inconsistency between the Auditor-General's findings that a number of councils did not submit audited financial statements within the required period and *Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery 2009–10* which reported that 100 per cent of councils successfully met all performance measures and management reporting system requirements in 2007/08 and 2008/09.
- (2) Has the Government accepted the Auditor-General's recommendation that Local Government Victoria review submitted budgets of each council against the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Will the Department of Planning and Community Development introduce a performance measure in 2010/11 relating to the number of councils meeting their reporting and budget requirements; if not, why not.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There is no inconsistency with performance measures indicated and what the Auditor-General has reported. The Auditor-General reports on the number of councils that did not have audited financial statements completed by 30 September each year. The indicator contained in Budget Paper 3, "Councils meet performance measurement and management reporting system requirements" measures the percentage of Councils who submit, by 30 October each year, their 11 Victoria Local Government Indicators (VLGIs).
- (2) In regard to the Auditor-General's recommendation to review submitted budgets, I refer the Member to the Department's response contained in the report which states:

“The Local Government Investigation and Compliance Inspectorate formed on 1 September 2009 will as part of its compliance regime include spot audits of submitted budgets against compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989.”

- (3) On the introduction of a performance measure in 2010/11 relating to the number of councils meeting their reporting and budget requirements, the Local Government Act 1989, under Sections 130(6), 131(9) and 196(7), already requires that the Minister must ensure, that if a Council or Regional Library fails to submit its annual report or budget within the time allowed, that details of the failure are published in the annual report of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Police and emergency services: policing studies

2815. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in each academic year since 2005/06:

- (1) How many Constables have successfully completed:
- (a) an Associate Degree in Policing Studies;
 - (b) a Bachelor Degree in Policing Studies.
- (2) How many Senior Constables have successfully completed:
- (a) an Associate Degree in Policing Studies;
 - (b) a Bachelor Degree in Policing Studies.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police does not keep records on the number of Constables or Senior Constables that have successfully completed an Associate Degree in Policing Studies or a Bachelor Degree in Policing Studies.

Police and emergency services: standard emergency warning signal

2825. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — as at 25 February 2010:

- (1) How many times during the 2009/10 fire season was the Standard Emergency Warning Signal used to precede a bushfire warning or group of warnings.
- (2) What fire incidents resulted in the use of the Standard Emergency Warning Signal being used to precede a bushfire warning or group of warnings.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) In Victoria, as per the National Telephone Warning Guidelines and Victorian Warning Protocol, the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) has been used three times on the landline when Emergency Alert was activated.
- (2) In Victoria, SEWS has been used three times on the landline to precede Emergency Alert for fire incidents in the Cann River and Tintandra (17 December 2009) and Mt Clear (31 December 2009).

Police and emergency services: emergency alert system

2826. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as at 25 February 2010:

- (1) How many times during the 2009/10 fire season was the Emergency Alert System used to deliver either voice or text message alerts to communities during emergency situations.
- (2) What fire incidents resulted in the use of the Emergency Alert System to alert communities.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) As of 4 March 2010, Emergency Alert has been used nationally 29 times and over 88,000 messages issued for flood, bushfire and tsunami warnings. In Victoria Emergency Alert has been used 3 times.
- (2) In Victoria, Emergency Alert has been used for fire incidents in the Cann River and Tintandra (17 December 2009) and Mt Clear (31 December 2009).

Education: schools — closures

- 2829.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education what Government schools have closed since July 2009, including details of the type of school, date of closure, region, enrolment prior to closure and rationale for closure.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A list of new, voluntarily merged and voluntarily closed schools since 1999 is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website.

Education: schools — mergers

- 2830.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education what Government schools have merged since July 2009, including the name of the new school entity, date of merger, school type, region, rationale for merger and enrolment prior to merger.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A list of new, voluntarily merged and voluntarily closed schools since 1999 is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website.

Health: ambulance services — Melbourne

- 2832.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to the Metropolitan Ambulance Service:

- (1) How many ambulances are in operation in metropolitan Melbourne.
- (2) What has been the progress in the roll out of oversized ambulances announced in 2008 at a cost of \$380,000 each.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 30 June 2009, there were 211 emergency ambulance stretcher vehicles operational in metropolitan Melbourne.

- (2) There are two bariatric ambulance vehicles operational in metropolitan Melbourne, with three operating in rural Victoria.

Community services: supported accommodation

2833. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Government's agreement with the Commonwealth Government for various capital works projects to assist with the provision of Supported Accommodation Facilities for people with a disability with older carers:

- (1) What is Victoria's schedule for completion of new accommodation facilities applying the \$24.58 million allocated from the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) What are the addresses, listing street address and suburb, of facilities to be built.
- (3) Which facilities:
 - (a) have been put to tender;
 - (b) have had design specifications approved;
 - (c) have begun construction, and when will they be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The new accommodation facilities for people with disabilities, which have been funded by the \$24.58 million allocated from the Federal Government, are scheduled for completion by June 2011. Funding from the State Government has also been secured to provide an additional 30 places, increasing the total number of places from 70 to 100.
- (2) The facilities are to be located in Echuca, Grovedale, Shepparton, Bairnsdale, Moe, Horsham, Sebastopol, Wodonga, Blackburn South, Hamilton, Epping, Hoppers Crossing, Sunbury, Craigieburn, Sydenham, Croydon, Kangaroo Flat, Warrnambool, Pakenham, Hastings, Sale, Traralgon, Frankston, Noble Park, Cranbourne and one more in North-West Metropolitan region for which land has yet to be purchased. The exact addresses are known for 25 of the 26 facilities but it would be unfair to release addresses before these have been communicated to prospective residents.
- (3) The number of facilities is 26 comprising 24 new facilities, including eight facilities shared with the *my future my choice* program, and two existing facilities which will be extended (Traralgon and Sale). As at 18 March:
 - (a) Three facilities are out to tender;
 - (b) Thirteen facilities have had design specifications approved; and
 - (c) Construction has been started on three facilities and their likely dates of completion are July 2010, August 2010 and September 2010.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: youth programs — city of Monash

2834. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs how much government funding was given to programs for young people in Monash in:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The amount given to programs in Monash administered within my portfolio of youth affairs for these years were:

- (1) 2006–07-\$216,627
- (2) 2007–08-\$194,911
- (3) 2008–09-\$186,106

There may have been government funding given to programs for young people in Monash through other government offices / departments. Questions in regard to funding details of programs which are the responsibilities of other Portfolios should be directed to the relevant Minister.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: youth programs — shire of Yarra Ranges

2835. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs how much government funding was given to programs for young people in the Yarra Ranges Shire in:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The amount given to Yarra Ranges programs administered within my portfolio of youth affairs for these years were:

- (1) 2006–07-\$241,800
- (2) 2007–08-\$279,950
- (3) 2008–09-\$285,247

There may have been government funding given to programs for young people in Yarra Ranges through other government offices / departments. Questions in regard to funding details of programs which are the responsibilities of other Portfolios should be directed to the relevant Minister.

Health: Frankston Hospital — ambulance waiting time

2837. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Health what was the average ambulance waiting time at Frankston Hospital emergency department on a daily basis for each quarter during:

- (1) 2007.
- (2) 2008.
- (3) 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Ambulance waiting time at hospitals is not collected by the Department of Health.

Education: Osborne Primary School

2839. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Education with reference to the rebuilding of Osborne Primary School in Mount Martha:

- (1) When will the Government commit funding for the rebuild of the School.
- (2) Is the School earmarked for funding in the 2010 budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Osborne Primary School is currently taking part in the Building Futures process and developing its educational rationale.

Following the approval of the educational rationale, the School will be invited into Stage 3 of Building Futures. This stage will master plan the proposed project.

Subject to satisfactory approval of the master plan, the project will then progress to detailed design and documentation.

Upon completion of these stages, Osborne Primary School can be considered for funding in future state budgets.

Water: goldfields super-pipe

2842. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Water how many megalitres of water were pumped through the Goldfields Super-pipe to Coliban Water and Central Highlands Water in:

- (1) 2008/09.
- (2) the first six months of 2009/10.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2008/09 Coliban Water pumped 15,635 million litres and Central Highlands Water pumped 9,897 million litres through the Goldfields Super-pipe for a total of 25,532 million litres.
- (2) From July to December 2009 Coliban Water pumped 7,000 million litres and Central Highlands Water pumped 3,688 million litres for a total of 10,688 million litres.

Public transport: rail — Parliament station

2843. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for the Minister for Public Transport — at Parliament Station on 3 March 2010:

- (1) How many ticket inspectors and security staff were working at 7.00 am.
- (2) How many public transport commuters were fined for not having a ticket between 7:00 am and 7.15 am.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) There were eleven Authorised Officers working at Parliament Station at 7.00 am.
- (2) No commuters were fined for not having a ticket between 7.00 am and 7.15 am.

Community services: client relationship information system

2850. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Community Services did the Ombudsman direct the Department of Human Services in 2003 to undertake an internal review of the adequacy of the information provided to the Department's Executive and relevant Departmental divisions in respect of the anticipated costs of the Client Relationship Information System (then called Client Services Model Strategic Project); if so:

- (1) Was the review undertaken.
- (2) What was the outcome of the review.
- (3) What was the Department's response to the review.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department has completed an extensive search of its records management system and ministerial correspondence system. No record has been found of a direction by the Ombudsman to undertake such a review.

Water: parks charge

2859. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Water — with reference to the parks charge collected in the Mornington electorate:

- (1) What was the total amount collected.
- (2) What percentage of the amount collected was allocated for projects in the electorate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Local government: Mornington Peninsula — ministerial visit

2860. Mr MORRIS to ask the Minister for Local Government —

- (1) When was the last time that the Minister visited the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and met with the Mayor, councillors and CEO.
- (2) When is the Minister's next scheduled visit to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to meet with the Mayor, councillors and CEO.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Meetings with Victoria's Local Government Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers take place in a range of forums. I last met with representatives of Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in October 2009.
- (2) Requests for meetings from Victoria's 79 municipalities are welcomed and are scheduled when possible.

Education: paper consumption

2865. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to paper consumption at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

- (1) What was the total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (2) What was the total consumption of envelopes per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (3) What was the total paper consumption for external printing and publications in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1. These figures are published in the Department's Annual Report.
2. These figures are not available and would require an unnecessary diversion of resources to ascertain.
3. These figures are not available and would require an unnecessary diversion of resources to ascertain.

Community development: paper consumption

2869. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Development with reference to paper consumption at the Department of Planning and Community Development:

- (1) What was the total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (2) What was the total consumption of envelopes per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (3) What was the total paper consumption for external printing and publications in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To answer these questions would be an unreasonable and unnecessary diversion of resources. However, information in regard to paper usage by the department is reported in the annual report.

Treasurer: paper consumption

2871. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to paper consumption at the Department of Treasury and Finance:

- (1) What was the total consumption of reams of A4 equivalent paper per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (2) What was the total consumption of envelopes per full time employee in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.
- (3) What was the total paper consumption for external printing and publications in each of 2007/08 to 2009/10 to date.

ANSWER:

The Department of Treasury and Finance's paper use decreased from 22 reams of A4 equivalent per FTE in 2007-08 to 21 reams per FTE in 2008-09. This equates to a reduction of 500 sheets of paper per public servant. For the current financial year, 2009-10, paper use is tracking at 21 reams of A4 equivalent per FTE.

Data on the total consumption of envelopes, external printing and publications is outside the scope of the department's environmental reporting. The Financial Reporting Direction 24C governs the environmental reporting requirements for Victorian Government Departments and Agencies.

Community services: disability support register

2874. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at December 2009:

- (1) There were 193 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 1234 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 1291 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — Barwon-south western region

2875. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Barwon South West Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Barwon South West Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 39 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 84 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 87 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — eastern metropolitan region

2876. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Eastern Metropolitan Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Eastern Metropolitan Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 20 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 218 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 289 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — Gippsland region

2877. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Gippsland Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Gippsland Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 16 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 102 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 58 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — Hume region

2878. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Hume Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Hume Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 5 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 115 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 84 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — Grampians region

2879. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Grampians Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Grampians Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 9 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 50 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 61 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — Loddon Mallee region

2880. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Loddon Mallee Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Loddon Mallee Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 26 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 96 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 65 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — north and west metropolitan region

2881. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the North West Metropolitan Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the North West Metropolitan Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 26 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 243 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 308 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Community services: disability support register — southern metropolitan region

2882. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services as at December 2009, how many people in the Southern Metropolitan Region were on the Disability Support Register waiting for:

- (1) Day time activities.
- (2) Support to live in the community.
- (3) Supported accommodation options.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Southern Metropolitan Region as at December 2009:

- (1) There were 52 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Day time activities.
- (2) There were 326 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Support to live in the community.
- (3) There were 339 people on the Disability Support Register waiting for Supported accommodation options.

Police and emergency services: speed cameras

2883. **Mr SMITH** (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when roadside speed cameras are situated on multi-lane roads, what safeguards are in place to ensure that any vehicle travelling adjacent to a vehicle exceeding the speed limit is not also recorded as exceeding the speed limit due to its proximity to the speeding vehicle.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Mobile cameras use radar technology to detect speeding vehicles. Radar technology is based on the ‘Doppler effect’. Speed is calculated by measuring the change in the return radar frequency that is reflected by a moving vehicle.

The position of a target vehicle at the time of detection relative to the radar beam provides the necessary evidence as to which vehicle was exceeding the speed limit at the time an image is captured.

If an offence is detected by a mobile camera, a photograph is taken and subjected to rigorous verification by a trained verifications officer. A second officer then reviews the decision before being authorised by Victoria Police as a valid infringement. If there is any doubt about the target vehicle an infringement is not issued.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway-Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light camera

2886. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what repairs or modifications were made to the red light camera/sensor/operating equipment which relates to right hand turns from the Nepean Highway into Bay Road and from Karen Street into the Nepean Highway between 1 January 2010 and 28 February 2010.

ANSWER:

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

This issue does not sit under my portfolio responsibilities.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway-Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light camera

2887. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what repairs or modifications were made to the red light camera/sensor/operating equipment which relates to right hand turns from the Nepean Highway into Bay Road and from Karen Street into the Nepean Highway in 2009.

ANSWER:

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

This issue does not sit under my portfolio responsibilities.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway-Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light camera

2888. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what repairs or modifications were made to the red light camera/sensor/operating equipment which relates to right hand turns from the Nepean Highway into Bay Road and from Karen Street into the Nepean Highway in 2008.

ANSWER:

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

This issue does not sit under my portfolio responsibilities.

Water: Sugarloaf Reservoir

2892. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water — What were the volumes of water pumped by Melbourne Water in each month from April 1980 to December 2009 into Sugarloaf Reservoir from:

- (1) The Yarra River at Yering Gorge.
- (2) The Maroondah Aqueduct at Yering Gorge.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Melbourne Water that the water volumes as detailed in Attachment One “Sugarloaf Intakes” were pumped into Sugarloaf Reservoir from the Yarra River and the Maroondah Aqueduct during the period April 1980 to December 2009.

YARRA RIVER MONTHLY DIVERSIONS TO SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR (ML)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1980	0	0	0	0	0	0	7586	8686	11319	12332	12372	3884	56179
1981	0	123	775	472	2233	4070	7688	16264	18686	15247	11619	2791	79968
1982	998	8	332	852	3461	6144	5184	4264	4873	4822	1880	5911	38729
1983	1039	3	0	0	1427	8966	16364	20739	25906	14597	6717	4980	100738

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1984	1395	14	3	0	1790	1159	10888	12998	6966	5080	3320	2815	46428
1985	539	20	304	94	3646	9646	8851	9606	8822	8608	4798	1775	56709
1986	180	0	0	491	3179	5112	5754	5173	4970	3030	3739	732	32360
1987	78	8	0	12	0	0	3166	5237	2351	577	1462	2252	15143
1988	1042	0	0	0	0	0	3934	7386	6894	3889	3699	1500	28344
1989	0	0	0	0	111	0	5048	8067	7562	999	3315	4293	29395
1990	581	111	0	1124	2490	3665	7492	6991	6540	7419	5570	4493	46476
1991	3364	1321	129	0	2035	6073	5148	3921	4003	3700	3546	3478	36718
1992	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5973	2795	3794	3414	15992
1993	685	3	0	0	0	0	1778	4255	3823	3888	3837	3761	22030
1994	753	0	0	79	132	17	0	1150	3720	4000	3391	964	14206
1995	0	0	0	2	1104	3555	4269	3992	3381	4255	1859	521	22938
1996	345	208	4	0	0	0	53	9	0	117	285	208	1229
1997	0	2	7	0	1347	4922	6043	4280	3989	6629	3007	0	30226
1998	0	4	1	235	3402	8168	8718	8033	7286	8158	7011	5590	56606
1999	2141	0	3	253	746	8744	6545	7433	7250	9978	6751	597	50441
2000	2736	13	0	0	999	11786	8468	9422	7750	13584	9901	487	65146
2001	0	0	2	0	40	6799	7316	14300	16302	18419	3886	6186	73250
2002	19	0	0	0	777	1616	13719	11745	11690	9691	2231	2887	54375
2003	0	0	0	870	1958	2998	7199	24843	24235	20338	3903	1293	87637
2004	144	745	0	1021	1417	6321	15143	14665	4072	6418	4369	5446	59761
2005	1421	3613	0	0	0	3804	6659	14173	14888	1813	2012	1325	49708
2006	0	15	0	780	0	0	708	7440	2561	0	1121	485	13110
2007	0	0	0	0	0	3837	26598	16921	12398	6677	4826	4012	75269
2008	2	0	27	0	1052	4308	9804	21428	14693	5782	10441	7749	75286
2009	249	0	31	430	6483	7247	10235	12992	17243	31847	15868	9779	112404

MAROONDAH AQUEDUCT MONTHLY DIVERSIONS TO SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR (ML)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	30	786	822
1981	0	3035	4957	2794	4720	161	0	0	0	0	2554	4195	22416
1982	5616	5644	4304	4349	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20241
1983	4101	2035	0	0	0	0	4107	0	3698	7071	6117	6681	33810
1984	6667	6271	6574	6342	6628	2941	0	5570	6628	6792	6466	6605	67484
1985	6708	5607	5805	6000	5488	0	6328	6927	6816	6635	6794	6664	69772
1986	6977	6387	7073	4411	6869	6733	6842	7113	6891	6948	6884	7075	80203
1987	6903	3361	1906	528	0	0	0	0	0	0	1043	1647	15388
1988	1693	941	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1679	4419
1989	1948	1624	520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1083	5175
1990	1684	730	4529	6486	4082	5888	2144	1855	1848	1944	1542	1726	34458

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MAROONDAH AQUEDUCT MONTHLY DIVERSIONS TO SUGARLOAF RESERVOIR (ML)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1991	2002	1552	1814	2094	1894	2872	3527	6089	6544	6886	3348	5111	43733
1992	3688	3130	3438	3095	0	0	0	0	0	1934	5250	3819	24354
1993	3578	3003	3116	1503	5629	3132	2371	3757	3355	3446	3397	3288	39575
1994	3064	2682	3295	1347	3241	2986	3243	2636	3081	3472	2908	3278	35233
1995	3359	3099	3257	3350	3329	1359	3589	2808	2999	3442	2773	4910	38274
1996	4574	2976	3515	3184	603	3698	3011	2880	3230	2065	2669	4411	36816
1997	5098	3114	4103	3549	1284	3607	1319	0	3517	3102	0	2586	31279
1998	4069	0	0	0	671	3729	5848	6421	4794	5720	6094	3607	40953
1999	5553	2779	3083	1709	5589	3759	5889	6103	3142	2919	622	4594	45741
2000	5242	4893	5606	1956	1582	2061	5317	4791	5913	5661	5383	5439	53844
2001	5239	3980	3981	2839	5101	4993	4064	4654	3685	1378	5816	6186	51916
2002	5578	4810	4720	1014	6277	6158	6317	2334	4080	2004	0	4839	48131
2003	0	2598	4712	4704	2285	2874	4440	2808	3467	5318	5968	5894	45068
2004	5860	4969	4721	4763	3562	4982	6274	6373	6012	6024	5699	5125	64364
2005	5870	3775	261	6214	6059	4701	6295	6091	4773	5507	5209	4553	59308
2006	5645	1050	5111	5486	5597	5054	1995	59	0	0	1874	61	31932
2007	0	1910	3774	2354	0	2984	29	2704	3499	2727	2413	1786	24180
2008	0	0	1106	4714	3020	914	244	101	5308	5750	1644	2372	25173
2009	5595	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1684	0	0	0	7279

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*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
 Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.
 Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Thursday, 27 May 2010

Mental health: inpatient beds

2563. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to bed numbers in adult acute mental health units, how much funding did each health service and unit location receive in:

- (1) 2003/04.
- (2) 2004/05.
- (3) 2005/06.
- (4) 2006/07.
- (5) 2007/08.
- (6) 2008/09.
- (7) 2009/10.

ANSWER:

Funding varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: inpatient beds

2564. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to the client profile of adult acute mental health inpatient beds in:

- (1) 2003/04 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.
- (2) 2004/05 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.
- (3) 2005/06 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.
- (4) 2006/07 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.

- (5) 2007/08 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.
- (6) 2008/09 what was the:
 - (a) total number of separations;
 - (b) total percentage of same day separations;
 - (c) total percentage of involuntary separations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Statistics varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: prevention and recovery care beds

2566. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding did each health service and unit location receive for beds in Prevention and Recovery Care units between 2002/03 and 2009/10.

ANSWER:

Funding varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: prevention and recovery care units

2567. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — at Prevention and Recovery Care units for each year from 2003/04 to 2008/09 what was the:

- (1) Total number of separations
- (2) Total number of patients
- (3) Percentage of male patients.
- (4) Percentage of patients aged under 25 years.
- (5) Percentage of patients aged 24 to 34 years.
- (6) Percentage of patients aged 35 to 44 years.
- (7) Percentage of patients aged 45 to 54 years.
- (8) Percentage of patients aged greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

Statistics varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: secure extended care units

2568. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding did each health service and unit location receive for beds in Secure Extended Care units between 2003/04 and 2009/10.

ANSWER:

Funding varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: secure extended care units

2569. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — at Secure Extended Care units in each year from 2003/04 to 2008/09 what was the:

- (1) Total number of separations.
- (2) Total number of patients.
- (3) Percentage of male patients.
- (4) Percentage of patients aged under 25 years.
- (5) Percentage of patients aged 24 to 34 years.
- (6) Percentage of patients aged 35 to 44 years.
- (7) Percentage of patients aged 45 to 54 years.
- (8) Percentage of patients aged greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

Statistics varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: community care beds

2570. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding did each health service and unit location receive for beds in Community Care units between 2003/04 and 2009/10.

ANSWER:

Funding varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Mental health: community care units

2571. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — at Community Care units in each year from 2003/04 to 2008/09 what was the:

- (1) Total number of separations.
- (2) Total number of patients.
- (3) Percentage of male patients.
- (4) Percentage of patients aged under 25 years.
- (5) Percentage of patients aged 24 to 34 years.
- (6) Percentage of patients aged 35 to 44 years.
- (7) Percentage of patients aged 45 to 54 years.
- (8) Percentage of patients aged greater than 54 years.

ANSWER:

Statistics varied from year to year in each location dependent on client demands and operating circumstances.

Regional and rural development: Regional Development Victoria — staff

2758. Dr SYKES to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development with reference to Regional Development Victoria:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.

- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The table below outlines how many staff are employed, location of offices maintained and staff employed at each office for Regional Development Victoria (as defined by the *Regional Development Victoria Act 2002*) on 10 April 2010. The numbers presented are full time equivalent and exclude staff seconded to other Departments or on unpaid leave.

Level 33, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne	60.2
69 Moorabool Street, Geelong	5
2 Ray Street, Colac	1
204 Timor Street, Warrnambool	1.6
33 Breed Street, Traralgon	4
73 Calvert Street, Bairnsdale	1
Cnr Queen and Alfred Streets, Warragul	1.6
48 Sturt Street, Ballarat	5
91 High Street, Ararat	1
62 Darlot Street, Horsham	1
2/27-29 Faithfull Street, Wangaratta	3
3/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton	4
6/22 Stanley Street, Wodonga	3
46 Edward Street, Bendigo	7
131 Langtree Avenue, Mildura	2
Total	100.4

Skills and workforce participation: Victorian Skills Commission — staff

2761. **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation — with reference to the Victorian Skills Commission:

- (1) How many staff are employed.
- (2) What is the location of all offices maintained.
- (3) How many staff are employed at each office.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Victorian Skills Commission does not employ any staff. Assistance for the functions of the Commission is provided by the staff of Skills Victoria.
- (2) The Victorian Skills Commission does not maintain any offices.
- (3) The Victorian Skills Commission does not employ any staff.

Information and communication technology: hold harmless clause

2767(ad). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Information and Communication Technology 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:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, and its associated agencies, do not require or recommend the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in temporary employment service procurement contracts.

For temporary employees engaged by the Department using employment panel agencies, the whole of Government contract terms and conditions apply.

There is no requirement or recommendation for the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in the temporary employment service procurement contracts of the Department or its agencies.

Where companies or individuals are engaged by the State, under standard professional services contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Small business: hold harmless clause

2767(aj). Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Small Business 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:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, and its associated agencies, do not require or recommend the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in temporary employment service procurement contracts.

For temporary employees engaged by the Department using employment panel agencies, the whole of Government contract terms and conditions apply.

There is no requirement or recommendation for the inclusion of “hold harmless” or indemnity clauses in the temporary employment service procurement contracts of the Department or its agencies.

Where companies or individuals are engaged by the State, under standard professional services contracts (i.e. not as employees), an indemnification to the State is a standard requirement in those circumstances, as is usual commercial practice.

Housing: Beaumaris development

2897. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to the Office of Housing site on the corner of McDonald Street and Reserve Road in Beaumaris which is believed to have had an asbestos roof:

- (1) What public health precautions were taken prior to and during the demolition of the building.
- (2) Are there any remaining public health issues following the demolition.
- (3) What is the future proposed accommodation for the site.
- (4) What is the budgeted cost of the project.
- (5) Why has no planning notice been exhibited.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Prior to the demolition, a Part 6 Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Audit was undertaken. The demolition was then carried out in accordance with the OH&S Regulations 2007, Part 4.3 Asbestos, taking into account the findings of the Part 6 Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Audit.
- (2) Demolition has been completed and there are no remaining public health issues. A clearance certificate for asbestos removal works has been received which confirms air monitoring tests were performed during the removal process. The results of the airborne asbestos monitoring and the visual inspection by asbestos auditors indicate that the asbestos work area is suitable for re-entry by unprotected persons.
- (3) The St Vincent de Paul Society will continue to manage the site and deliver existing services from this site.
- (4) The budgeted cost for this project is \$1.03 million
- (5) As the project is a designated Nation Building social housing project, it was fast-tracked and the standard community notification requirement does not apply.