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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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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.*

**Tuesday, 26 February 2008**

**Senior Victorians: board member and volunteer training**

**421. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) What training does the Government provide board members of rural health services, which include hospitals, residential aged care services, Bush Nursing Hospitals and Multi-Purpose Services.
- (2) What training does the Government provide for volunteer committees of aged care facilities and community service providers.
- (3) How many individuals from each category were trained in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Government commenced a three-year statewide board member development program in early June 2007 - the Victorian Health Boards Governance Program - for all rural and regional public sector health service board members covering public hospitals (including hospitals providing residential aged care services), bush nursing hospitals and centres, multi-purpose services and stand-alone community health centres. The program also takes in metropolitan health services and community health centres.
- (2) No specific training is provided to volunteer committees of aged care facilities and community service providers through the Aged Care Branch.
- (3) Workshop attendance data shows that the total number of board members receiving governance education in 2006-07 was approximately 100.

**Attorney-General: national classification code and guidelines**

**431. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the review into the Federal Government's proposed amendments to the national Classification Code and Classification guidelines, which introduce further censorship for material seen to promote terrorist acts:

- (1) Why has the State Government agreed to the review.
- (2) What is the danger to the community the Victorian Government is addressing.
- (3) How did the State Government gauge this community concern/anger which supposedly prompted the review.
- (4) Will the State Government support the Federal Government's proposed amendments, as outlined in the Review paper.
- (5) What steps is the Victorian Government planning to take given that the proposed amendments will restrict the freedom of political communication, which is explicitly protected by Victoria's Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) It is important to examine our laws to ensure we have appropriate measures to address materials that advocate terrorism whilst at the same time striking the right balance in respect of freedom of speech.
- (2) As above.
- (3) A discussion paper on the issue was released for the purposes of public consultation.
- (4) Federal legislation, the *Commonwealth (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007* was introduced into Federal Parliament which amended the *Commonwealth Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* and introduced a specific provision to capture material that ‘advocates the doing of a terrorist act’.
- (5) The States and Territories enforce classification decisions made by the Classification Board and Classification Review Board under their respective classification enforcement legislation. The relevant legislation in Victoria is the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act 1995*.

Any action taken by a Victorian public authority in enforcing offences under the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act 1995* should be compatible with human rights, pursuant to the obligations on public authorities in section 38 of the Charter.

**Environment and climate change: ministerial conduct**

**544. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change:

- (1) What is the total number of occasions and the total number of days the Minister has stayed free of charge at Lake Mountain including the name of the accommodation provided in the calendar years 2003 to 2007 respectively.
- (2) Did the Minister receive free of charge any meals, alcohol, ski passes, ski lift passes and ski hire at Lake Mountain and if so, what was received for free in the calendar years 2003 to 2007 respectively.
- (3) How many times has the Minister stayed free of charge at Lake Mountain in the company of his staff in the calendar years 2003 to 2007 respectively.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I have not stayed at Lake Mountain accommodation facilities in my capacity as Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

**Education: school modernisation and upgrading**

**566. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What is the exact dollar amount of funding that each of the 40 schools requiring so-called “smaller modernisations and upgrades”, that were named in the 2007-08 Budget, will receive in the Better Schools Today program and when will that funding be forthcoming.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Better Schools Today program is an element of the \$555 million Victorian Schools Plan. Up to 40 schools requiring smaller modernisations and upgrades, costing between \$300,000 and \$500,000, will be identified for future works under the Better Schools Today program. Sixteen schools have been announced for \$7.4 million worth of upgrades to classrooms, staff rooms and IT facilities. Additional Better Schools Today projects will be announced before the end of the financial year.

The first group of schools to be announced is:

| School Name                      | Region | Funding \$       |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Derrinallum College (P-12)       | BSW    | 500,000          |
| Skipton PS                       | BSW    | 350,000          |
| Simpson PS                       | BSW    | 450,000          |
| Cann River P-12 College          | GIPPS  | 400,000          |
| East Gippsland Specialist School | GIPPS  | 500,000          |
| Swan Reach PS                    | GIPPS  | 400,000          |
| The Basin PS                     | EMR    | 400,000          |
| Monbulk PS                       | EMR    | 500,000          |
| Gruyere PS                       | EMR    | 500,000          |
| Scoresby PS                      | EMR    | 400,000          |
| Glenferrie PS                    | EMR    | 500,000          |
| Orchard Grove PS                 | EMR    | 500,000          |
| Doncaster Gardens PS             | EMR    | 500,000          |
| Stonnington PS                   | SMR    | 500,000          |
| St Kilda PS                      | SMR    | 500,000          |
| Ripponlea PS                     | SMR    | 500,000          |
|                                  |        | <b>7,400,000</b> |

Schools have the opportunity under this program to refurbish and modernise facilities to create modern and innovative teaching spaces suited to contemporary pedagogical best practice. This program also provides schools with the opportunity to strengthen links with communities, networks and municipalities by exploring the use of innovative partnerships and joint use facilities.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development expects to announce another application round for Better Schools Today funding in 2008.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**614. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Hume Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Hume Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Hume Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.

- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive from the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Hume Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**615. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Loddon Mallee Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Loddon Mallee Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive from the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Loddon Mallee Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**616. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Grampians Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Grampians Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Grampians Region.
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- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Grampians Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**617. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Gippsland Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Gippsland Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive in the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Gippsland Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**618. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Barwon South Western Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Barwon South Western Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Barwon South Western Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive from the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Barwon South Western Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**619. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Southern Metropolitan Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Southern Metropolitan Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive in the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the South Metropolitan Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**620. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the North and West Metropolitan Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the North and West Metropolitan Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the North and West Metropolitan Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive in the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the North and West Metropolitan Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Mental health: alcohol specific services and initiatives — funding**

**621. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to funding for alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) What amount of money was spent on alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Eastern Metropolitan Region in the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (2) What amount of money from the 2007-08 budget has been allocated to alcohol specific services and initiatives located in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.
- (3) What is the name and location of all alcohol specific services and initiatives that received funds in the 2006-07 budget.
- (4) Exactly how much money did each service and initiative receive in the 2006-07 budget.
- (5) What is the name and location of alcohol specific services and initiatives in the Eastern Metropolitan Region that will receive funds in the 2007-08 budget.
- (6) Exactly how much money will each service and initiative receive from the 2007-08 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) -

All alcohol and other drugs services are funded to provide treatment to people with substance misuse problems regardless of substance.

**Treasurer: sawlog auction system**

**772. MR VOGELS** — To ask the Treasurer: What is the breakdown to date of the VicForests new sawlog auction system in terms of —

- (a) costs;
- (b) benefits; and
- (c) profits.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

VicForests sells wood according to (i) administered contracts and licences for commitments it inherited from DSE and (ii) contracts awarded under its on-line auction system for future wood sales. By 2016 all sawlog timber sales will be made under contracts awarded at auction. Information regarding costs, revenues and profits since it commenced operations, is contained in VicForests' annual reports. The Pricing Allocation Model has generated significant increases in value for some of the wood which will be sold by it over the next 10 years, through open market competition. VicForests has also increased the price for wood sold under administered arrangements, in line with historic price escalation mechanisms which reflect price movements from across the country, in line with industry benchmarks.

**Treasurer: sawlog auction system**

**773. MR VOGELS** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to VicForests' new sawlog auction system: What are the projected profits to State Revenue.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Pricing Allocation Model has generated significant increases in value for some of the wood which will be sold by it over the next 10 years through open market competition. Like other government agencies, VicForests are required to pass on profit in the form of dividends.

**Treasurer: VicForests — probity service**

**775. MR VOGELS** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to a recent advertisement for a probity service for VicForests: Is this service now operating and will you release the findings of the probity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

VicForests engages probity services for a range of commercial-in-confidence purposes that relate to the contractual arrangements it has in place with contractors and customers. The results of any examinations of these services are to allow the Board and management of VicForests to undertake commercial decision making in relation to these contracts.

**Children and early childhood development: children's services regulations review**

**791. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development):

- (1) Will the Children's Services Regulations Review be completed by 30 May 2008, the date at which the current regulations are due to expire; if not, what are the reasons for the delay.
- (2) In the event of the Children's Services Regulations Review not being completed by 30 May 2008, will the expiration date of the current regulations be extended.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's review of the current children's services regulations, preparation of amendments to the enabling legislation and development of options for the new regulations is progressing.

The Department received representations from the children's services sector for a substantial period of consultation following the release of draft regulations and the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

It is important for individuals and organisations to have ample time to review materials, attend forums and respond to the RIS and draft regulations.

I have therefore decided that the period of the current regulations should be extended to May 2009 to allow for a more substantial consultation with the sector and I have advised peak bodies accordingly.

The outcome of the recent Federal election has brought new opportunities for greater coordination between the State and Commonwealth Governments in children's services. The proposed extension of the current regulations also recognises the need to work closely with the new Commonwealth Government to ensure the minimum

standards outlined in Victoria’s regulations complement the proposed quality improvement measures of the Child Care Quality Assurance system.

**Public transport: Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure**

**809. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Mr Rob Hudson, MP and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure for —

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

**ANSWER:**

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

| <b>Between 25 November 2006–2 August 2007</b>   | <b>Total Amount</b> |
|---|---------------------|
| a) Mobile phone charges. It is difficult to separate land line phone usage accessible by many staff.  | \$685.14 *          |
| b) Taxi (cab-charge) represents all travel costs. No rental car or hire car cost has been incurred. Taxi fares and destination include two return trips Melbourne to Parkville and Office to Airport. Individual taxi fares range between \$9.60 and \$50.00. | \$151.20 *          |
| c) Single return air flight to Mildura departing 28 May 2007.   | \$502.04 *          |
| d) There were no costs incurred for meals and entertainment.  | Nil                 |
| e) Mr. Rob Hudson MP shares support staff with the Minister for Public Transport and the cost of any administrative support to him cannot be isolated.  | Nil                 |
| f) No reimbursements for work related costs or use of petty cash has been made by Mr. Rob Hudson MP. No other payments have been made.  | Nil                 |

\* Costs include GST

**Community services: aged care — service delivery**

**846. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08, what is the detailed financial breakdown of the aged care direct service delivery in the following program streams —

- (1) Total budget for aged care and Senior Victorians.
- (2) Geriatric care in total and for each of inpatient geriatric evaluation and management, inpatient geriatric respite, continence clinic, and cognitive, dementia and memory clinics.

- (3) Aged care rehabilitation in total, and for each of inpatient rehabilitation and community rehabilitation centres.
- (4) Palliative care in total and for each of inpatient hospice care and community palliative care.
- (5) Aged care assessment services and home and community care assessments.
- (6) Independent living in total and for each of VICPAC (personal alarms), delivered meals through home and community care, personal care, property maintenance and flexible service response.
- (7) Social support in total and for day centres and social support services that come under the home and community care program.
- (8) Aged care respite in total and delivered under the home and community care program and aged care respite delivered under the carers program.
- (9) Complex community care in total and for each of the linkages package and acquired brain injury program.
- (10) Nursing and allied health in total, and for home and community care (HACC) and non-HACC allied health and nursing including low cost eye scheme.
- (11) Prevention and promotion in total and for each of the areas of falls prevention, elder abuse prevention, seniors card, seniors week, community grants and any other promotional and preventative initiatives.
- (12) Aged care training, research and development programs, individually itemised.
- (13) An itemised list of any other programs or initiatives funded by the Department of Victorian Communities and the Department of Human Services for Aged Care services and Senior Victorians.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Total budgets for Aged Care and Senior Victorians, as shown in BP3 are:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Aged Care (Aged and Home Care Output and Small Rural Services Outputs) | \$1021.6m |
|--|-----------|

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Seniors and Veterans Output | \$11.2m |
|-----------------------------|---------|

(Note: includes veterans which is not part of Senior Victorians portfolio)

Further budget details about Aged Care and Senior Victorians is available in the 2007-08 Service Delivery BP3.

- (2)–(13) The information requested is not in recognised program budget areas for direct service delivery only.

**Community services: prisoners — mental health**

**915. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a mental illness in each of Melbourne Youth Remand Centre, Parkville Youth Remand Centre and Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre:

- (1) At present what is the inmate population at each centre.
- (2) What procedures are in place to screen new inmates to see if they suffer from a mental illness.
- (3) How many inmates at each of these facilities suffer from a mental illness.
- (4) What specific services are available for inmates with a mental illness at these centres.
- (5) What state funding was allocated to each specific service at each centre in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08.
- (6) What procedures are in place to link prisoners with a mental illness to relevant treatment upon their release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 1 November 2007, the client populations at each of the centres were as follows:
  - Melbourne Youth Justice Centre: 62
  - Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre: 85
  - Parkville Youth Residential Centre: 16
- (2) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (3) Latest research indicates approximately one in five Victorians are likely to have a mental illness.
- (4) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. A full range of mental health services is provided at all centres, including assessment, medical treatment and medication by psychiatrist or general practitioner, and counselling for psychological needs. The development of behaviour plans, in consultation with health staff, ensure a consistent approach and response to behaviour associated with mental illness.
- (5) The overall budget for youth justice health services is established in such a way as to ensure the most integrated approach to health services and to allow for flexibility of service provision.
- (6) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody; this allows for case management of the client during their stay in custody and plans for their release into the community. With the input of youth justice staff, a comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing mental health treatment.

**Community services: prisoners — drugs**

**916. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a drug or alcohol problem in each of Melbourne Youth Remand Centre, Parkville Youth Remand Centre and Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre:

- (1) What procedures are in place to screen new prisoners to see if they suffer from a drug or alcohol problem.
- (2) How often do these centres drug test inmates and on what grounds (i.e. on admission, randomly, post-incident).
- (3) What type of sample is taken (i.e. urine, saliva, blood).
- (4) What drugs and other substances are tested for.
- (5) How many drug tests were taken in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many drug tests returned a positive result in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (7) What specific services are available for inmates with a drug and alcohol problem at these centres.
- (8) What state funding was allocated to each specific service at each centre in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (9) What procedures are in place to link inmates with a drug and alcohol problem to relevant treatment upon their release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.

- (2) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (3) The type of samples required for drug tests are dependent on individual circumstances, the purpose of the test and the substance being tested for.
- (4) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (5) Detailed information about drug test histories is not available.
- (6) Detailed information about drug test histories is not available.
- (7) A range of alcohol and other drug services are routinely provided at each of the three youth justice centres, including:
  - Health promotion and education programs;
  - Alcohol and other drug counselling and treatment services; and
  - Referrals to community based alcohol and other drug treatment agencies to ensure ongoing treatment.
- (8) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. The budget allows for a range of drug and alcohol services, mental health, and primary health services.
- (9) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody. A comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing alcohol and other drug treatment.

**Multicultural affairs: education programs**

**961. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): Has the Government implemented educational programs in Government schools since 2002 to reinforce the advantages of living in a multilingual society; if so —

- (1) What is the name of each program.
- (2) When did each program commence.
- (3) What is the timeframe for each program.
- (4) What is the total cost of each program.
- (5) How is each program evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that Victorian schools continuously strive to live and teach the values that underpin the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001, the Multicultural Victoria Act 2004 and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. These values are central to the work of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in building respect for others and social cohesion.

Schools undertake a number of programs and events designed to promote community harmony including Celebrate our Cultural Diversity Week, Courage to Care, Goodness and Kindness Project, the Citizen of Humanity Project, the Keynotes Project and utilisation of the Racism No Way website.

Further questions relating to programs offered in Government schools regarding living in a multilingual society should be directed to the Minister for Education.

**Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — funding**

**970. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What are the details of the decrease in funding to the Victorian Multicultural Commission as part of Labor’s Financial Statement savings for each of 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As committed in the Government’s 2006 election policy statement Promoting Diversity: Strengthening Multiculturalism in Victoria and in Labor’s Financial Statement, savings from the multicultural affairs portfolio were made from the 2007-08 financial year. This saving is being returned to the community in the form of additional grants, as was announced in the policy statement and subsequently in the 2007-08 State Budget.

Taking into account the other commitments pledged for the multicultural affairs portfolio, including in the 2007-08 State Budget, the overarching budget for the Victorian Multicultural Commission has actually increased from \$9,324,000 in 2006-07 to:

- \$10,508,000 in 2007-08;
- \$13,686,000 in 2008-09; and
- \$12,426,000 in 2009-10.

**Roads and ports: Rowville road closure**

**1013. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the road closure at the intersection of Napoleon Road and Kelletts Road in Rowville from 29 August 2007 to 17 October 2007:

- (1) Has constructing a temporary road or side track to the western side of the road reserve been considered as an alternative; if so, what would be the —
  - (a) cost;
  - (b) timeframe; and
  - (c) expected impact to —
    - (i) residential properties immediately adjoining the construction;
    - (ii) traffic flows throughout the area; and
    - (iii) local residents in the area.
- (2) What would be the expected impact of VicRoads’ proposal to encourage through traffic to detour via routes more than three kilometres away from the intersection, to —
  - (a) residential properties immediately adjoining the construction;
  - (b) traffic flows throughout the area; and
  - (c) local residents in the area.
- (3) How does the Minister intend to —
  - (a) prevent large numbers of vehicles from using local side streets;
  - (b) preserve the safety of the children attending schools on local side streets; and
  - (c) preserve the safety and amenity of the residents who live on local side streets and adjoining streets.
- (4) For what reasons was the detour route chosen.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Constructing a temporary road or side track to the western side of the road reserve had initially been considered as an alternative; however it was not feasible due to the constraints in width along this section of the road reservation.
- (2) The expected impact of VicRoads' proposal to encourage through traffic to detour via routes more than three kilometres away from the intersection, would:
  - (a) result in construction works for approximately 7 weeks, instead of 24 weeks adjacent to adjoining residents;
  - (b) result in traffic flows throughout the area using other main arterial roads, which have had alteration to timings of traffic signal to cater for the additional traffic flow along these routes to minimise any potential delays; and
  - (c) result in minimal impact for local residents in the area as access is still available for local residents along the local road network.
- (3) VicRoads intends to:
  - (a) prevent large numbers of vehicles from using local side streets by discouraging through traffic from entering the immediate area. Signage has been installed to deter this from occurring;
  - (b) continue to closely liaise with local primary schools to preserve the safety of the children attending schools on local side streets. Initial discussions have resulted on the installation of additional speed humps on Bellfield Drive in front of Lysterfield Primary School. The works have also been scheduled to coincide with the school holiday to minimise impacts on the schools; and
  - (c) continue to monitor the traffic in the local streets. The current arrangement included speed limits in the local detour roads being lowered to 40km/h in consultation with Knox City Council. Installation of temporary speed humps and speed trailers have also been installed to alert drivers to the speed they are travelling at. The local police have also increased their presence in the area to ensure drivers are complying with the changed conditions. These changes are aimed at ensuring the safety and amenity of the resident who live on local side streets and adjoining streets is preserved.
- (4) This particular detour route was chosen as it is the shortest and safest path to allow drivers to continue on the original route.

**Health: hospitals — investments**

**1075. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Part 3, Division 3, section 29 of the *Health Services Act 1988* which allows public hospitals to make external investments:

- (1) What is the total amount of all private sector investments currently made by each Victorian public hospital in excess of \$500,000.
- (2) How many hospitals have made investments of greater than \$500,000 in non-government financial assets and what are the investment categories.
- (3) Has any risk analysis been performed on each investment made.
- (4) What are the details of the risk analysis undertaken.
- (5) Have any investments been made in overseas asset classes; if so, which hospitals have made such investments and what are the amounts.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This information is available from the financial statements for public hospitals for the year ended 30 June 2007, which have been tabled in the Parliament.
- (2) This information is available from the financial statements for public hospitals for the year ended 30 June 2007, which have been tabled in the Parliament.
- (3) All hospitals are expected to have an investment policy, developed in accordance with the requirements of the Health Services Act 1988, The Prudential Risk Management Framework For The State's Financial Markets Activities (Issued by DTF in March 2001), The Financial Management Act 1994 and Trustee Act 1958. These documents provide a broad framework to assist hospital Boards of Management to manage the investments held on behalf of public hospitals. All investments are to be assessed for risk in accordance with the investment policies prepared in accordance with the guidance provided by these documents.
- (4) It is the role of hospital Boards of Management to perform a risk analysis of hospital investments.
- (5) Hospitals use a range of professional investment services to manage their cash assets. These assets are to be invested in accordance with hospital investment policies. The detailed nature of these investments is not a required disclosure in hospital audited financial statements.

**Public transport: staff needlestick injuries**

**1092. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the period 1 January to 31 October 2007:

- (1) Did Connex or V/Line cleaners or other staff sustain any needlestick injuries from handling; if so —
  - (a) on how many occasions were such injuries sustained;
  - (b) at what depot did the cleaners or other staff sustain such injuries;
  - (c) on what date was each injury sustained;
  - (d) was any sick or other leave taken as a result; if so, how much;
  - (e) what was the cause of any such injuries;
  - (f) have any changes been made to handling of syringes by cleaners or other V/Line staff as a result;
  - (g) have any claims been submitted to WorkCover; and
  - (h) have any claims been accepted by WorkCover; if so, how many and what arrangements have been made for the employees concerned.
- (2) Have any complaints been made by Connex or V/Line passengers or staff regarding discarded syringes on trains; if so, how many for each operator and on what lines were the trains that were the subject of any such complaints.
- (3) How many syringes were estimated to have been emptied from each Connex and V/Line —
  - (a) on-train disposal bins; and
  - (b) platform or platform toilets' disposal bins.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Neither Connex or V/Line staff/cleaners sustained any needle stick injuries between 1 January 2007 and 31 October 2007.

- (2) Complaints from Connex or V/Line passengers or staff regarding discarded syringes on trains between 1 January 2007 and 31 October 2007 were:

|   | Connex                              | V/Line                            |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) how many complaints were made to each operator                        | Two complaints                      | One complaint                     |
| (b) on what lines were the trains that were the subject of the complaints | Frankston Line and Sandringham Line | Eastern Line (Traralgon corridor) |

- (3) Syringes estimated to have been emptied from Connex and V/Line:
- (a) on-train disposal bins  
No records are kept on the number of syringes removed from trains.
  - (b) platform or platform toilet disposal bins.  
No records are kept on the number of syringes removed from platforms or platform toilet disposal bins.

**Community services: mental health services — HM Melbourne Assessment Prison**

**1117. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a mental illness in Melbourne Youth Remand Centre —

- (1) What is the inmate population at the Centre.
- (2) What procedures are in place to screen new inmates to see if they suffer from a mental illness.
- (3) How many inmates suffer from a mental illness.
- (4) What specific services are available for inmates with a mental illness at this Centre.
- (5) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (6) What procedures are in place to link prisoners with a mental illness to relevant treatment upon release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 1 November 2007, the client population at Melbourne Youth Justice Centre was 62.
- (2) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (3) Latest research indicates approximately one in five Victorians are likely to have a mental illness.
- (4) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. A full range of mental health services is provided at all centres, including assessment, medical treatment and medication by psychiatrist or general practitioner, and counselling for psychological needs. The development of behaviour plans, in consultation with health staff, ensure a consistent approach and response to behaviour associated with mental illness.
- (5) The overall budget for youth justice health services is established in such a way as to ensure the most integrated approach to health services and to allow for flexibility of service provision.
- (6) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody; this allows for case management of the client during their stay in custody and plans for their release into the community. With the input of youth justice staff, a comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing mental health treatment.

**Community services: mental health services — Parkville Youth Residential Centre**

**1118. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a mental illness in Parkville Youth Remand Centre —

- (1) What is the inmate population at the Centre.
- (2) What procedures are in place to screen new inmates to see if they suffer from a mental illness.
- (3) How many inmates suffer from a mental illness.
- (4) What specific services are available for inmates with a mental illness at this Centre.
- (5) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (6) What procedures are in place to link prisoners with a mental illness to relevant treatment upon release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 1 November 2007, the client population at Parkville Youth Residential Centre was 16.
- (2) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (3) Latest research indicates approximately one in five Victorians are likely to have a mental illness.
- (4) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. A full range of mental health services is provided at all centres, including assessment, medical treatment and medication by psychiatrist or general practitioner, and counselling for psychological needs. The development of behaviour plans, in consultation with health staff, ensure a consistent approach and response to behaviour associated with mental illness.
- (5) The overall budget for youth justice health services is established in such a way as to ensure the most integrated approach to health services and to allow for flexibility of service provision.
- (6) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody; this allows for case management of the client during their stay in custody and plans for their release into the community. With the input of youth justice staff, a comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing mental health treatment.

**Community services: mental health services — Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre**

**1119. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a mental illness in Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre —

- (1) What is the inmate population at the Centre.
- (2) What procedures are in place to screen new inmates to see if they suffer from a mental illness.
- (3) How many inmates suffer from a mental illness.
- (4) What specific services are available for inmates with a mental illness at this Centre.
- (5) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (6) What procedures are in place to link prisoners with a mental illness to relevant treatment upon release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 1 November 2007, the client population at Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre was 85.
- (2) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (3) Latest research indicates approximately one in five Victorians are likely to have a mental illness.
- (4) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. A full range of mental health services is provided at all centres, including assessment, medical treatment and medication by psychiatrist or general practitioner, and counselling for psychological needs. The development of behaviour plans, in consultation with health staff, ensure a consistent approach and response to behaviour associated with mental illness.
- (5) The overall budget for youth justice health services is established in such a way as to ensure the most integrated approach to health services and to allow for flexibility of service provision.
- (6) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody; this allows for case management of the client during their stay in custody and plans for their release into the community. With the input of youth justice staff, a comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing mental health treatment.

**Community services: drug and alcohol services — HM Melbourne Assessment Prison**

**1120. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a drug or alcohol problem in Melbourne Youth Remand Centre —

- (1) What procedures are in place to screen new prisoners to see if they suffer from a drug or alcohol problem.
- (2) How often does this Centre drug test inmates and on what grounds (i.e. on admission, randomly, post-incident).
- (3) What type of sample is taken (i.e. urine, saliva, blood).
- (4) What drugs and other substances are tested for.
- (5) How many drug tests were taken in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many drug tests returned a positive result in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (7) What specific services are available for inmates with a drug and alcohol problem at this Centre.
- (8) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (9) What procedures are in place to link inmates to relevant treatment upon their release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (2) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (3) The type of samples required for drug tests are dependent on individual circumstances, the purpose of the test and the substance being tested for.

- (4) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (5) Detailed information about drug test histories is not available.
- (6) Detailed information about drug test histories is not available.
- (7) A range of alcohol and other drug services are routinely provided at each of the three youth justice centres, including:
  - Health promotion and education programs;
  - Alcohol and other drug counselling and treatment services; and
  - Referrals to community based alcohol and other drug treatment agencies to ensure ongoing treatment.
- (8) The focus of custodial health services is the improvement of the health of the youth justice client group through the provision of a comprehensive range of services. The budget allows for a range of drug and alcohol services, mental health, and primary health services.
- (9) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody. A comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing alcohol and other drug treatment.

**Community services: drug and alcohol services — Parkville Youth Residential Centre**

**1121. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a drug or alcohol problem in Parkville Youth Remand Centre —

- (1) What procedures are in place to screen new prisoners to see if they suffer from a drug or alcohol problem.
- (2) How often does this Centre drug test inmates and on what grounds (i.e. on admission, randomly, post-incident).
- (3) What type of sample is taken (i.e. urine, saliva, blood).
- (4) What drugs and other substances are tested for.
- (5) How many drug tests were taken in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many drug tests returned a positive result in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (7) What specific services are available for inmates with a drug and alcohol problem at this Centre.
- (8) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (9) What procedures are in place to link inmates to relevant treatment upon their release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (2) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (3) The type of samples required for drug tests are dependent on individual circumstances, the purpose of the test and the substance being tested for.
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- (9) Extensive transition and exit planning occurs for each young person in custody. A comprehensive health discharge plan is developed, ensuring linkage and referral to community services appropriate for their health needs, including ongoing alcohol and other drug treatment.

**Community services: drug and alcohol services — Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre**

**1122. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to services for inmates with a drug or alcohol problem in Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre —

- (1) What procedures are in place to screen new prisoners to see if they suffer from a drug or alcohol problem.
- (2) How often does this Centre drug test inmates and on what grounds (i.e. on admission, randomly, post-incident).
- (3) What type of sample is taken (i.e. urine, saliva, blood).
- (4) What drugs and other substances are tested for.
- (5) How many drug tests were taken in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many drug tests returned a positive result in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (7) What specific services are available for inmates with a drug and alcohol problem at this Centre.
- (8) What state funding was allocated to each specific service in each financial year from 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (9) What procedures are in place to link inmates to relevant treatment upon their release.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A comprehensive health assessment is completed for each young person by a qualified health practitioner.
- (2) Assessment of the various drug and alcohol health issues faced by clients are conducted upon admission and as required.
- (3) The type of samples required for drug tests are dependent on individual circumstances, the purpose of the test and the substance being tested for.
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**Community services: disability services — Barwon south-west region accommodation**

**1183. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Barwon South West Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — Loddon Mallee region accommodation**

**1184. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Loddon Mallee Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — Grampians region accommodation**

**1185. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Grampians Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — Hume region accommodation**

**1186. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Hume Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — Gippsland region accommodation**

**1187. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Gippsland Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — north-west region accommodation**

**1188. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the North West Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — southern region accommodation**

**1189. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Southern Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.

- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — eastern region accommodation**

**1190.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in the Eastern Region based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Community services: disability services — accommodation**

**1191.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to pension level Supported Residential Services (SRS) (as defined in the SAVVI Initiative) in Victoria based on the most recent census:

- (1) How many people lived in such Services.
- (2) How many people under the age of 20 lived in such Services.
- (3) How many people with a disability, including a mental illness and psychiatric disability (excluding a primary disability of frailty) lived in such Services.
- (4) How many people lived in such Services with a primary disability of frailty.
- (5) How many people aged 70 or over lived in such Services.
- (6) How many people who were previously homeless lived in such Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- There was no SRS data collected in the 2006 census.
- Data from 2006 census is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at the following address: <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

**Health: equine flu vaccinations**

**1255. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to conditions applying to an Emergency Dealing Determination (EDD) for Genetically Modified (GM) vaccines for Equine Influenza (Proteqflu and Proteqflu TE):

- (1) On what date was the first vaccine covered by the EDD administered to a horse in Victoria.
- (2) What was the advice concerning actual or imminent threat to the environment or the health and safety of people provided to the Minister to justify the EDD.
- (3) To what degree did the advice provided to the Minister delineate the extent and degree of threat to the horse population and particularly, the numbers of horses that could die from the animal disease covered by the EDD.
- (4) On what basis did the Minister consider a threat to the horse population a serious threat to the environment.
- (5) What was the scientific risk assessment implemented for the released genetically modified organisms (GMOs) covered by the EDD and how did this assessment differ from a standard assessment process.
- (6) Did the Minister receive advice that additional resources were allocated in the emergency to enable an expedited assessment, not of a lesser scientific process, and what were those resources allocated prior to the Minister's decision to declare a corresponding EDD.
- (7) On what date was the Minister first consulted by the Commonwealth Minister about the EDD and did the Minister have input; if so, what was the Minister's input into the decision making process leading to the corresponding EDD.
- (8) Up to 20 November 2007, how many horses involved in the racing industry were vaccinated and how many horses not involved in the racing industry were vaccinated since the EDD.
- (9) What advice and scientific evidence was provided to the Minister from the Office of Gene Technology Regulator detailing that the proposed dealings could be managed safely.
- (10) Has the Regulator been informed of any new information or events which suggest that the GMO may be posing a risk to the health and safety of people or to the environment.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- Questions raised concerning the date when the first vaccine covered by the EDD administered to a horse in Victoria and the number of horses within and outside the racing industry vaccinated up to 20 November 2007, sit within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Agriculture.
- The Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing notified respective State and Territory Ministers that the Australian Chief Veterinary Officer (AVCO) requested an issuing an EDD under the Gene Technology Act 2000 for the use of a GM vaccine to address an actual and imminent threat of equine influenza to the environment. Advice from the AVCO stated that the equine influenza was highly contagious and the outbreak of the disease posed a threat to the horse population in the whole of Australia, including donkeys, mules and asses. The seriousness of the disease was exemplified by mortalities of up to 20 per cent reported in infected horses overseas.

- A risk assessment was undertaken by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) within their designated Risk Analysis Framework, utilising scientific evidence. In developing the risk assessment advice, the Regulator is required to apply the principles embodied in the Risk Analysis Framework.
- The Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing first notified the Minister for Health about the request from the ACVO on 6 September 2007. The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator subsequently provided a draft risk assessment, which concluded that use of the GM equine vaccine would pose negligible risk to human health, safety and the environment. The Minister for Health sought advice through whole of government consultation processes.
- Receipt of any new information or notification of events which suggest that the GMO may be posing a risk to the health and safety of people or to the environment is a matter for the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator to manage.

**Roads and ports: Nepean Highway — traffic red light cameras**

**1268. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road and the Nepean Highway and Karen Street, particularly in relation to right hand turns monitored by red light cameras: What repairs and/or modifications were made to the red light camera/sensor/operating equipment in relation to these turns on 24 October 2007.

**ANSWER:**

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

The repair and maintenance of red light cameras is managed by the Department of Justice. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Mental health: public hospital beds**

**1270. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding waiting times for mental health beds for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 1 July to the present, what are the specific figures for each public hospital in the State regarding the percentage of emergency patients that were admitted to a mental health bed within —

- (a) 4 hours;
- (b) 8 hours;
- (c) 12 hours; and
- (d) 24 hours.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on hospital admissions from emergency departments is reported in the Your Hospitals report which can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Austin Hospital patients**

**1271. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Austin Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.

- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Alfred hospital patients**

**1272. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Alfred Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Ballarat Base Hospital patients**

**1273. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Ballarat Base Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Geelong Hospital patients**

**1274. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Geelong Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.

- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Bendigo Hospital patients**

**1275. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Bendigo Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Box Hill Hospital patients**

**1276. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Box Hill Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Casey Hospital patients**

**1277. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Casey Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Dandenong Hospital patients**

**1278. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Dandenong Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Frankston Hospital patients**

**1279. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Frankston Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.

- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
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- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Goulburn Valley Health patients**

**1280. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Goulburn Valley Health:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
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- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Latrobe Regional Hospital patients**

**1281. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Latrobe Regional Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
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- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Maroondah Hospital patients**

**1282. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Maroondah Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Mercy Werribee Hospital patients**

**1283. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Mercy Werribee Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Monash Medical Centre patients**

**1284. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Monash Medical Centre:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.

- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Mental health: Northern Hospital patients**

**1285. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Northern Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Royal Children's Hospital patients**

**1286. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Royal Children's Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Royal Melbourne Hospital patients**

**1287. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at the Royal Melbourne Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
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- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: St Vincent's Hospital patients**

**1288. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at St Vincent's Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: Sunshine Hospital patients**

**1289. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to data captured by the Department of Human Services regarding mental health patients at Sunshine Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (2) What percentage of mental health patients was noted as having post-discharge follow up in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) What percentage of mental health patients waited in the emergency department for longer than eight hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.
- (4) What percentage of mental health patients received inpatient care for longer than 35 days in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.

- (5) What percentage of mental health patients treated in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07 resided in this hospital's catchment area.
- (6) What was the mental health bed occupancy rate in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (7) What was the level of unplanned re-admissions (within 28 days) in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (8) What is the average length of stay for patients staying between one and 35 days.
- (9) How many mental health beds per 10,000 population are there in this hospital's catchment area.
- (10) What is this hospital's catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

System performance measures can be found in the state budget papers at: <http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/> and in the Your Hospitals report at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>.

**Mental health: public hospital beds**

**1290. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to inpatient mental health beds in Victorian public hospitals:

- (1) How many mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people in Victoria.
- (2) How many Child and Adolescent Mental Health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people in Victoria under the age of 18.
- (3) How many adult mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people in Victoria between the ages of 18 and 65.
- (4) How many aged persons mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people in Victoria over the age of 65.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1-5) Information on mental health beds per head of population is reported in both the National Mental Health Report and the Report on Government Services. The most recent editions of these reports can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/mental-pubs-n-report05>

and <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2007/health>.

**Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — contractors**

**1309. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: For the financial year 2006-07 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Treasury and Finance, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Providing the level of detail sought requires a significant amount of resources which cannot be justified at this time.

**Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — contractors**

**1310. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: For the period 1 July to 30 November 2007 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Treasury and Finance, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Providing the level of detail sought requires a significant amount of resources which cannot be justified at this time.

**Roads and ports: Victoria–King streets, Doncaster East**

**1357. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What was the final cost of the recent installation of traffic lights on the corner of Victoria Street and King Street, Doncaster East.

**ANSWER:**

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

The final cost of the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Victoria Street and King Street, Doncaster East was within the allocated budget of \$600,000.

**Public transport: bus route 301 — patronage and cancellations**

**1360. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 301, The Pines Shopping Centre-City (via Thompsons Road and Eastern Freeway), in 2006-07:

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) weekdays; and
  - (b) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The patronage figures in 2006/07 for weekdays and weekends on bus Route 301 were as follows:

|         | (a) weekdays | (b) weekends |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006/07 | 320,048      | 11,788       |

Note: These figures are based on ticket validations.

- (2) Information on the number of bus services cancelled is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations and on an aggregate basis.

**Public transport: bus route 304 — patronage and cancellations**

**1361. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 304, City-Warrandyte (via the Eastern Freeway and Blackburn Road), in 2006-07:

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) weekdays; and
  - (b) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The patronage figures in 2006/07 for weekdays and weekends on bus Route 304 were as follows:

|         | (a) weekdays | (b) weekends |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006/07 | 406,928      | 25,349       |

Note: These figures are based on ticket validations.

- (2) Information on the number of bus services cancelled is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations on an aggregate basis.

**Public transport: bus route 307 — patronage and cancellations**

**1362. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 307, City-Mitcham (via the Eastern Freeway and Doncaster Road), in 2006-07:

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) weekdays; and
  - (b) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The patronage figures in 2006/07 for weekdays and weekends on bus Route 307 were as follows:

|         | (a) weekdays | (b) weekends |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| 2006/07 | 521,162      | 44,853       |

Note: These figures are based on ticket validations.

- (2) Information on the number of bus services cancelled is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations on an aggregate basis.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1363. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Bayside during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1364. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Boroondara during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1365. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Glen Eira during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1366. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Kingston during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1367. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Monash during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1368. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Port Phillip during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.

- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Treasurer: stamp duty and land tax**

**1369. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In the local government area of Whitehorse during the financial year 2006-07 —

- (1) How much stamp duty was collected.
- (2) How much land tax was collected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.
- (2) In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

**Public transport: railway land — rubbish**

**1377. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) How many complaints were received between 1 January and 20 October 2007 regarding accumulated rubbish between railway stations on VicTrack land leased to Connex Melbourne by —
- (a) Metlink Melbourne;
- (b) Connex Melbourne;
- (c) the Department of Infrastructure's 1800 help line;
- (d) the Public Transport Ombudsman;
- (e) the Department of Infrastructure via letters or emails; and
- (f) the Minister for Public Transport.
- (2) What locations were the subject of any such complaints.
- (3) How many of these complaints were assessed as a possible safety risk, such as when a supermarket trolley is pushed onto a railway line.
- (4) What action did Connex Melbourne or its subcontractors take as a result of any such complaints.
- (5) Is removal of rubbish between stations or in the station 'pits' that does not pose a safety risk limited to when Mainco Melbourne undertakes re-ballasting, re-sleepering or station 'pit' cleaning of metropolitan rail tracks.

**ANSWER:**

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

(1)

- (a) Metlink is unable to provide the specific data requested as it only reports on an industry wide basis.
- (b) Connex Melbourne received 229 complaints.
- (c) Department of Infrastructure's 1800 help line received no complaints.
- (d) The Public Transport Ombudsman received one complaint.
- (e) Letters and emails received by the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) are not recorded to a level that would readily identify complaints made about accumulated rubbish between railway stations.
- (f) Letters and emails received by the Minister for Public Transport are not recorded to a level that would readily identify complaints made about accumulated rubbish between railway stations.

(2) The complaint received by the Public Transport Ombudsman related to the Broadmeadows Line. Complaints received by Connex related to various locations throughout the system.

(3) Four complaints received were assessed as possible safety risks.

(4) Rubbish was removed within 24 hours by Mainco track staff

(5) No. Connex are required to the remove all potentially hazardous rubbish within 2 days of notification and dumped rubbish which adversely impacts the visual amenity of nearby residents within 14 days.

**Treasurer: Crown land**

**1379. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Treasury and Finance, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;
- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This answer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the Minister for Finance is the only Minister who has power to sell Crown land

**Premier: Crown land**

**1381. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;
- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Finance. The Minister for Finance is responsible for the sale of Crown land.

**Environment and climate change: Crown land**

**1382. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;
- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Finance. The Minister for Finance is responsible for the sale of Crown land.

**Public transport: Crown land**

**1384. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Infrastructure, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;
- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

**ANSWER:**

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

The sale of Crown land can be undertaken only by the Minister for Finance and therefore the Department of Infrastructure has not sold any such property.

**Planning: Crown land**

**1387. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Planning and Community Development, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;

- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance, who is the only Minister with the power to sell Crown Land.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

- 1398. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many sexual assault victims have attended or been referred to the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region during each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

- 1399. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the numbers of sexual assault victims attending the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region during each of the calendar years from 2002 to 2007:

- (1) How many females were treated.
- (2) How many males were treated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

- 1400. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region: In each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007, how many forensic medical officers —

- (a) Were located at the Hospital;
- (b) Attended cases concerning rape victims at the Hospital; and
- (c) Attended after hours cases concerning rape victims at the Hospital.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

**1401. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region: How many rape victims have needed to be transferred from the Maroondah Hospital to hospitals in the Southern Region and Northern Region, respectively, in each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

**1402. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region: What are the reasons given for rape victims having been transferred from the Maroondah Hospital to hospitals in the Southern Region and Northern Region, respectively, in each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

**1403. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault located at the Maroondah Hospital: What are the reasons given for after hours rape victims being transferred from the Maroondah Hospital in the Eastern Region to hospitals in the Southern Region and Northern Region, respectively, in each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: sexual assault centres**

**1404. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the sexual assault centres in metropolitan Melbourne which operate in public hospitals: How many forensic medical officers dealt with rape cases in the Southern Region and Northern Region, respectively, in each of the calendar years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Health: sexual assault centres**

**1405. MRS KRONBERG** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the operation of the sexual assault centres in metropolitan Melbourne which operate in public hospitals: How many forensic medical officers deal with rape cases in metropolitan Melbourne.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Planning: Planning and Community Development — media and communications staff**

**1415. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Planning and Community Development and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Planning and Community Development did not exist in the 2006-07 financial year.

**Major projects: VicUrban — media and communications staff**

**1542. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by VicUrban and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the agency.

**ANSWER:**

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

This does not fall under the Major Projects portfolio. Please direct your question to Minister Madden as Minister for Planning.

**Environment and climate change: Alpine resort management boards — media and communications staff**

**1569. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Alpine Resort Management Boards and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Boards.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The five Alpine Resort Boards in the financial year 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007 spent a combined amount of \$ 1,535,171.64.

This figure takes into account the cost of advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

In total across the five Alpine Resort Boards, approximately 3.5 full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles. In many cases administrative staff performed communications and promotional tasks. Where this is the case, a proportion of these staffs' time is included.

**Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — Warburton**

**1601. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) The State Government promised to build a new Country Fire Authority (CFA) fire station at Warburton prior to the last State election. When will the Government honour it's commitment.
- (2) Will the new station be open for the upcoming summer fire season.
- (3) Will Warburton CFA be provided with upgraded vehicles to assist them to protect the region given that they are geographically isolated during fires such as Ash Wednesday.
- (4) What size, including width and length, is the Government's planning for the new Warburton CFA station? Will the proposed new station be able to accommodate the new and larger fire trucks.
- (5) Why has it taken the Government over a year already to honour the commitment made to the people of the Upper Yarra and Warburton prior to the last State election.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The Government has committed to replacing 18 fire stations over the next four years as a part of the election commitments during the November 2006 to November 2010 term. The Government will honour its commitment.
- (2) The CFA will make any operational decisions about the supply of appropriate appliances and will ensure the new facility is operationally appropriate.
- (3) Location of an appropriate site to meet local service delivery requirements has proven to be difficult, but several appropriate ones are being assessed as part of the property acquisition phase.

**Industry and trade: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — media monitoring service**

**1604. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: Given that the Strategic Communications Branch within the Department of Premier and Cabinet provides a media monitoring service to government clients and has contracted the purchase of monitoring software at a cost of more than \$1 million to facilitate provision of that service:

- (1) Why has the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development deemed it necessary to spend a further \$560,000 on media monitoring services over the period July 2007 to July 2009 under Government Contract 06070772 entered into with Media Monitors (Australia) Pty Ltd.
- (2) What proportion of that service is provided to the offices of ministers whose portfolios fall within the ambit of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

- (3) Is the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development currently a client of the Victorian Government Media Monitoring Unit; if so, what has been the cost of that service since July 2007.
- (4) Is it contemplated the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development will become a client of the Victorian Government Media Monitoring Unit beyond July 2009 for the exclusive provision of media monitoring services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

1. Information in relation to the contract can be located at [www.contracts.vic.gov.au/](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au/).

Media Monitors is the only company to meet DIIRD's requirement for a full suite of TV, radio, online, including metro and regional print coverage monitoring to its clients.

2. All DIIRD staff and Ministerial staff have access to the service.
3. Yes
4. No decision has been made at this time.

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**Wednesday, 27 February 2008**

**Mental health: child and adolescent services — waiting times**

**1136. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to consumers in each of the 13 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Areas:

- (1) How many are currently registered as waiting for a service.
- (2) How many were registered as waiting for a service at the beginning of each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (3) How many attempted to gain a service but were unable to in each of the above years.
- (4) How many gained access to a service in each of the above years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1-3) While the Department funds the provision of mental health services, operational matters are the responsibility of the health service providers. All services provide a 24 hour triage function in order to ensure appropriate access to services. The Department does not maintain waiting lists for mental health services.
- (4) Client and service contact information is reported in the Budget Papers and in the National Mental Health Report. These can be found at the following addresses:

<http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/>

and <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/mental-pubs-n-report05>.

**Mental health: adult specialist services — waiting times**

**1137. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to consumers in each of the 21 Adult Specialist Mental Health Service Areas:

- (1) How many are currently registered as waiting for a service.
- (2) How many were registered as waiting for a service at the beginning of each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (3) How many attempted to gain a service but were unable to in each of the above years.
- (4) How many gained access to a service in each of the above years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1-3) While the Department funds the provision of mental health services, operational matters are the responsibility of the health service providers. All services provide a 24 hour triage function in order to ensure appropriate access to services. The Department does not maintain waiting lists for mental health services.
- (4) Client and service contact information is reported in the Budget Papers and in the National Mental Health Report. These can be found at the following addresses:

<http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/>

and <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/mental-pubs-n-report05>.

**Mental health: aged-care services — waiting times**

**1138. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to consumers in each of the 17 Aged Persons' Mental Health Service Areas:

- (1) How many are currently registered as waiting for a service.
- (2) How many were registered as waiting for a service at the beginning of each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08 (to date).
- (3) How many attempted to gain a service but were unable to in each of the above years.
- (4) How many gained access to a service in each of the above years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1-3) While the Department funds the provision of mental health services, operational matters are the responsibility of the health service providers. All services provide a 24 hour triage function in order to ensure appropriate access to services. The Department does not maintain waiting lists for mental health services.
- (4) Client and service contact information is reported in the Budget Papers and in the National Mental Health Report. These can be found at the following addresses:

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and <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/content/mental-pubs-n-report05>.

**Health: Human Services — contractors**

**1321. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Human Services, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services engages contractors for a variety of purposes, including: Temporary staff in administration and direct care, property, construction and maintenance of public housing, system training and development.

However, the name of the contractor, the date the contract was entered into, the purpose of the contract and the expected term of the contract is not held within corporate systems of the Department. The time and resources required to collect this information for each contract could not be justified.

**Health: Human Services — contractors**

**1322. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the period 1 July to 30 November 2007 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Human Services, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services engages contractors for a variety of purposes, including: Temporary staff in administration and direct care, property, construction and maintenance of public housing, system training and development.

However, the name of the contractor, the date the contract was entered into, the purpose of the contract and the expected term of the contract is not held within corporate systems of the Department. The time and resources required to collect this information for each contract could not be justified.

**Health: Victorian Health Promotion Foundation — media and communications staff**

**1538. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Foundation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The information is available from the 2006-2007 VicHealth Annual Report (Report of Operations and Financial Statements), which has been tabled in Parliament.



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**Thursday, 28 February 2008**

**Treasurer: minister's office — expenses**

- 971. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Treasurer for:
- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
  - (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
  - (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
  - (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
  - (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
  - (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
  - (g) travel related expenses (international);
  - (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
  - (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
  - (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Due to the nature of the question, the research required to provide a response would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the department.

**Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — airline travel expenses**

- 1042. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to expenditure on domestic air travel by the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2006–07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —
- (a) Jetstar;
  - (b) Qantas;
  - (c) Regional Express;
  - (d) Virgin Blue;
  - (e) other scheduled carriers; and
  - (f) chartered flights.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This information is not available as all travel bookings are made through AMEX Travel and therefore the department does not pay travel costs to individual airlines.

**Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — airline travel expenses**

- 1043. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to expenditure on international air travel by the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2006–07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —
- (a) Air China;
  - (b) Air New Zealand;
  - (c) Air Pacific;
  - (d) Cathay Pacific;
  - (e) China Eastern;
  - (f) Emirates;
  - (g) Garuda Indonesia;
  - (h) Jetstar;
  - (i) Malaysia Airlines;
  - (j) Qantas;
  - (k) Singapore Airlines;
  - (l) Thai Airways International;
  - (m) United Airlines;
  - (n) Vietnam Airlines; and
  - (o) other scheduled carriers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This information is not available as all travel bookings are made through AMEX Travel and therefore the department does not pay travel costs to individual airlines.

**Premier: home loan schemes**

- 1062. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to the State Government Home Loan Schemes and a meeting held by the former Premier on 28 July 2006 with several loan recipients at a Labor function in Geelong: Noting that an undertaking was given that the concerns raised would be looked into, when will the home loan recipients receive a response.

**ANSWER:**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Housing.

**Premier: home loan schemes**

- 1063. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to the statement made by the former Minister for Housing in November 1999 in the Legislative Assembly (*Hansard* vol 444, p 547) that she would work toward a systemic response to the Government Home Loan Scheme and that the response would assist borrowers to achieve full home ownership within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost:
- (1) Is the Premier aware the package has benefited only a few borrowers and has in fact resulted in a few borrowers receiving substantial subsidies and others nothing.
  - (2) Given that it is contrary to Departmental policy and the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, both of which indicated that all borrowers were to be treated equally and all would

pay the same interest rate and the loans would be no subsidy loans, why has the package resulted in —

- (a) only a few borrowers benefiting; and
- (b) a few borrowers receiving substantial subsidies and others nothing.

**ANSWER:**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Housing.

**Premier: home loan schemes**

**1064. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): Why are the Victorian Borrowers Association, Victorian Legal Aid and the Office of Housing using public funds to address serious problems arising out of the Government Home Loan Scheme.

**ANSWER:**

This question should be directed to the Minister for Housing.

**Industrial relations: Office of the Workplace Rights Advocate — media and communications staff**

**1544. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Office of the Workplace Rights Advocate and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Office.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Office of the Workplace Rights Advocate for the financial year 2006-07 was \$672,594 (excl of GST).

There were no full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communication roles by the Office of the Workplace Rights Advocate during the financial year 2006-07.

**Tourism and major events: Tourism Victoria — media and communications staff**

**1545. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Tourism Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the agency.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Information regarding Tourism Victoria's expenditure on advertising and promotion for the 2006/07 financial year is available in Tourism Victoria's Annual Report 2006/07.

During 2006/07 Tourism Victoria employed six full-time equivalent staff in media and communications roles.

**Industry and trade: Federation Square Pty Ltd — media and communications staff**

**1549. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Fed Square Pty Ltd and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the company.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The 2006-07 Advertising and Promotion spend was \$474,393 and the total FTE to this function is 1.00.