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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.*

Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

Tuesday, 10 March 2009

Major projects: legal advice

- 64. MR D. M. DAVIS**— To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the portfolio of Major Projects, would the Minister provide in table form for 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 1 July 2006 to date —
- (a) The names of the legal firms or consultancies from which the department obtained external advice;
 - (b) The nature and purpose of each piece of legal advice obtained through the firms listed;
 - (c) The expenditure by the Department on the legal firms and advice referred to above; and
 - (d) The tender or advertising arrangements used in each of the above pieces of legal advice.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

[Question 64 reinstated by order of President on 5 February 2008. Hansard reference to original answer: 5 June 2007, page 1679]

Major projects: media and communications staff

- 69. MR D. M. DAVIS**— To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to your portfolio of Major Projects:
- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in his office.
 - (2) What is the number of staff working in each Public Relations Unit indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.
 - (3) What contracts have been entered into in 2005–06 for public relations and/or communications strategies with outside consultants or persons giving —
 - (a) the person/company contracted;
 - (b) the date of the contract;
 - (c) the contract sum;
 - (d) the amount paid; and
 - (e) a brief summary of work done.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

[Question 69 reinstated by order of President on 5 February 2008. Hansard reference to original answer: 5 June 2007, page 1679]

Major projects: ministerial expenses

977. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister 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 as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Planning: FOI Solutions

1750. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning: In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Planning and Community Development in each of the financial years 2002–03 to 2007–08 inclusive on Mr Nick Batskos and his company FOI Solutions, providing in each case —

- (a) the date on which the tender or contract was entered into;
- (b) the matter involved;
- (c) the total expenditure by the Department on that matter;
- (d) the date on which the matter was finalised; and
- (e) whether the payments in each case were the result of a formal tender, or other formal process, or were simply awarded to Mr. Batskos.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A new tender is being prepared in relation to Government Legal Services Panel arrangements and as part of this process a probity adviser has been appointed. Release of the information sought at this stage of the tender process may improperly affect the competitiveness of that process.

The delay in responding to this question was due to ensuring compliance with all probity requirements.

Major projects: salary levels

- 2276. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —
- (a) classifications;
 - (b) salary package;
 - (c) position; and
 - (d) responsibilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Major projects: legal expenses

- 2356. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to legal expenses incurred by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:
- (1) What expenses were incurred.
 - (2) What was the purpose for engaging legal representation in each case.
 - (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Major projects: media and communications staff

- 2512. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:
- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister’s office.
 - (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister’s control, indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Major projects: legal expenses

2552. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to legal expenses incurred by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose for engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Major projects: advertising

2592. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of advertisement;
- (d) the duration of advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Major projects: entertainment expenses

2632. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section, including the Minister’s office; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Major projects: procurement policies

2761. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

- (1) How many breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board's procurement policies occurred in each of the financial years from 2004–05 to 2006–07.
- (2) What were the details of those breaches.
- (3) What action was taken in response to those breaches.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Major projects: annual reports

2801. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Major projects: trade union grants

2841. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Racing: trade union grants

2861. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Although an initial investigation shows no indication that any grants have been made to trade unions, the expense and time involved in compiling the answer to this question would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Skills and workforce participation: Box Hill TAFE — electrical engineering courses

3136. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation):

- (1) How many applications for Electrical Engineering at Box Hill TAFE were received in 2008.
- (2) How many positions are available for Electrical Engineering at Box Hill TAFE.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Box Hill Institute of TAFE does not offer “Electrical Engineering”. Box Hill Institute of TAFE does offer “Electronics Engineering”. In respect of this:

- Total applications received in 2008 were 96. Of these, 85 were through VTAC (16 were first preference applications) and 11 were through direct entry applications.
- 21 offers were made to students through VTAC. The remainder accepted places in Higher education institutions.
- There are currently 147 enrolments in this course comprising VTAC enrolments, direct entry, and continuing students.

The Institute also offers a Certificate III in Electrotechnology.

This is an apprenticeship course. There are currently 887 enrolments in this course.

Box Hill Institute of TAFE identified through its Training Plan, including relevant addenda, that it intended to deliver approximately 588,000 student contact hours via courses in the Electrical and Electronics sector in 2008.

Major projects: adjournment debate responses

3282. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The adjournment debates in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider require attention.

The time taken to respond varies according to the length and complexity of the matter or matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

Major projects: projects

3549. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: For each major project currently in progress, what is the —

- (a) name of the project;
- (b) projected cost at the time of commencement; and
- (c) projected completion date at time of commencement.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This information is available on the Major Projects Victorian website:

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

Innovation: women on boards, councils and committees

3557. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2392, tabled on 24 June 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the webpages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The website address is

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/DOJ+Internet/resources/file/eb564d07f330caa/GovernmentLegalServicesAnnualReport20062007.pdf>

Planning: wind energy — McHarg Ranges

4392. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the McHarg Ranges wind farm:

- (1) What processes are available to members of the local community to express their views and objections to the planned McHarg Ranges wind farm.
- (2) What, if any, compensation are the nearby landowners entitled to given that their landholdings have been substantially devalued as a result of this wind farm.
- (3) If there is no compensation available, why not.

ANSWER:

Sustainable Energy Victoria published the Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria in 2003. The guidelines comprehensively outline the process to be followed in the preparation and approval of a wind farm.

As the Minister for Planning, I am the responsible authority for any proposed wind farm with a capacity exceeding 30MW. The relevant local council is the responsible authority for wind farm proposals under 30MW.

The planning permit process is provided for by the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and it includes an advertising period during which submissions can be made by the public.

There is no requirement in Victoria to compensate a landowner who considers that they may be affected by any use and development of neighbouring land, including development for a wind farm. Rather, the Victorian planning system has established a process to ensure that the amenity impacts of a proposal on adjoining land are assessed. If the impacts are within acceptable measures, then the proposal can proceed and a basis for compensation should not arise.

Planning: precinct structure plans

4746. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Growth Areas Authority (GAA):

- (1) How many Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) have been completed for Growth Areas, when were they completed, and for which precincts.
- (2) Of the completed PSPs:
 - (a) Which were prepared and funded by the local council;
 - (b) Which were prepared by the local council with developer funding;
 - (c) Which were prepared by developers; and
 - (d) Which were prepared by the GAA.
- (3) Noting that on the GAA’s Precinct Structure Plans webpage it states “The GAA is working with councils to make sure the plans are ... not too inflexible”, does the Minister have a policy on acceptable levels of inflexibility in structure planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Question 1: How many Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) have been completed for Growth Areas, when were they completed and for which precincts?

Since 2006, a total of 21 PSPs have been completed for the growth areas. The 21 precincts that have completed PSPs and the year they were completed are listed below:

2006: Amstel, Arena, Greenvale Rise, Sneydes Road and Point Cook

2007: Cooper Street Employment, Fountain Gate/Narre Warren, Cranbourne North (Stage 1), Williams Landing and Mickleham Road

2008: Craigieburn Town Centre, 700 Hume Highway, Point Cook Homestead, Greenvale Lakes East, Lalor, Merrifield Employment Area, Robinsons Road Employment North, Aurora, Epping North East, Tarniet Road and Folkestone Employment Area.

Question 2a: Of the completed PSPs which were funded by the local council?

Funding of the PSPs is shared between local council, developers and the Growth Areas Authority. The contribution of each party varies between PSPs, depending on the size and complexity of development areas.

Question 2b: Which were prepared by the local council with developer funding?

Preparation of the PSPs is shared between local council, developers and the Growth Areas Authority. The contribution of each party varies between PSPs, depending on the size and complexity of development areas.

Question 2c: Which were prepared by developers?

See above 2b.

Question 2d: Which were prepared by the GAA?

See above 2b.

Question 3: Noting that on the GAA's Precinct Structure Plans webpage it states "The GAA is working with councils to make sure the plans are ... not too inflexible", does the Minister have a policy on acceptable levels of inflexibility in structure planning?

In June 2008, the Department released a VPP practice Note on the "Urban Growth Zone". The purpose of this Practice Note is to:

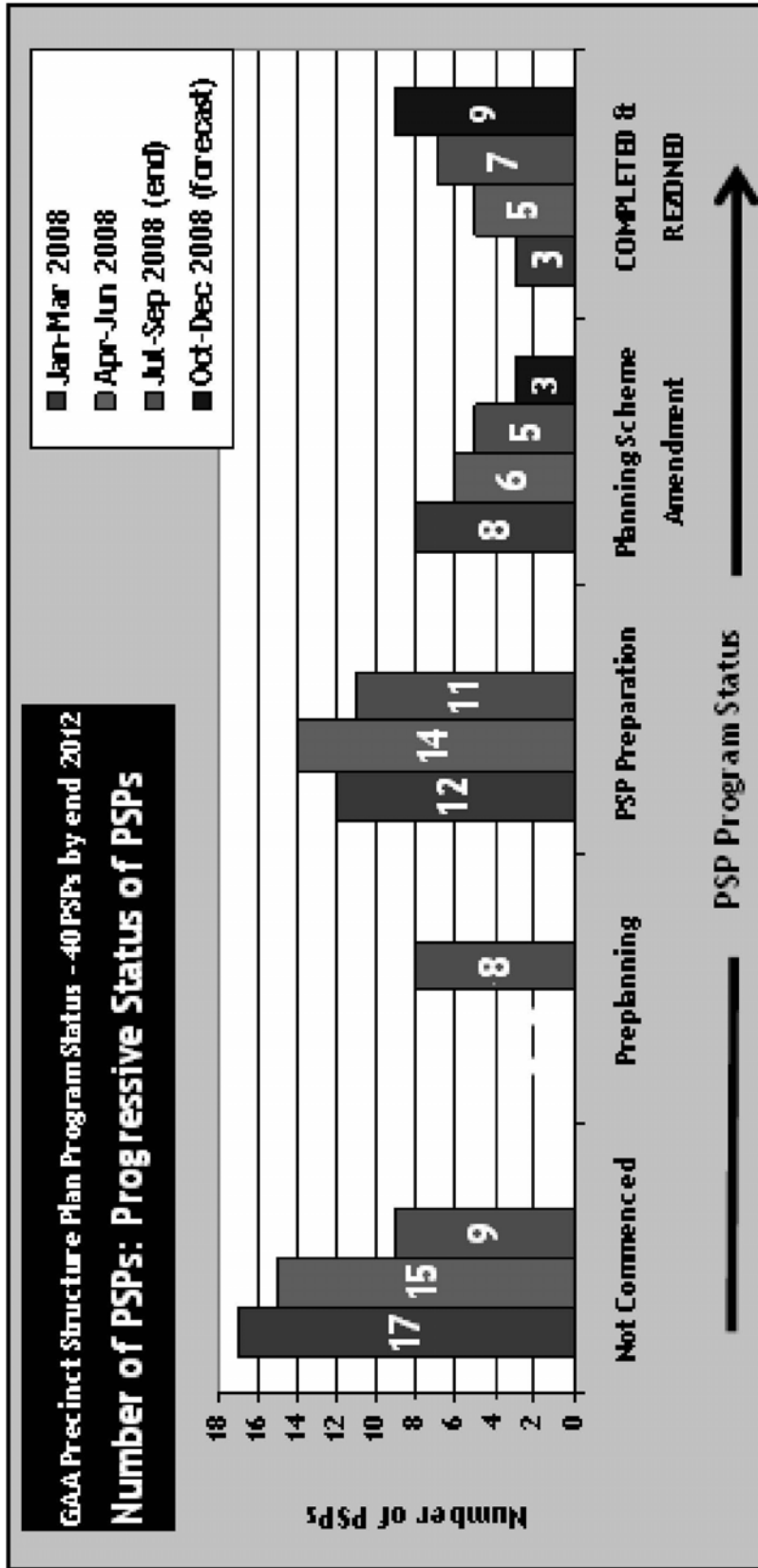
- Explain the purpose and provisions of the Urban Growth Zone (UGZ)
- Explain the role of the precinct structure plans in the UGZ

The policy on providing flexibility in the PSP and UGZ schedule is contained within this Practice Note, it states:

- *"The precinct structure plan and UGZ schedule should be written in a way that gives the responsible authority the flexibility to consider proposals that achieve the outcomes sought by the plan without being vague or ambiguous. The UGZ schedule should also be clear about how any doubts relating to the application of provisions will be resolved. One option is to include a specific provision in the schedule that allows the responsible authority to resolve these issues through the consideration of a planning permit application..."*

The Government's draft guidelines for Precinct Structure Plans are currently out for public comment until the end of February 2009.

Attachment 1 - GAA chart showing the progress of the 40 PSPs on the forward program



*Chart supplied by the Growth Areas Authority

Housing: director of housing — legal expenses

6955. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Director of Housing, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) Expenses incurred for financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07 are as follows:

2000–01 \$1649.57;

2001–02 \$53,787.25;

2002–03 to 2006–07 Cost allocation model changed to a user pay system;

(2) & (3)

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on my Department's time and resources. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — stress leave

7116. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — legal expenses

7117. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Multicultural Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — advertising

7118. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — entertainment expenses

7119. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — media and communications staff

7120. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — trade union grants

7121. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — board representatives

7122. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — stress leave

7123. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — legal expenses

7124. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — advertising

7125. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — entertainment expenses

7126. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — media and communications staff

7127. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — trade union grants

7128. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs — board representatives

7129. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — stress leave

7130. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — legal expenses

7131. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by VITS LanguageLink, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — advertising

7132. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — entertainment expenses

7133. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and

- (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — media and communications staff

7134. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — trade union grants

7135. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Multicultural affairs: VITS LanguageLink — board representatives

7136. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to VITS LanguageLink, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of the questions and the number of years you are seeking information on, the amount of resources required to answer the questions would be too great a burden on the Victorian Multicultural Commission. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — stress leave

7137. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

These questions seek information regarding the Department, agency or authority which, in some cases, either does not exist, is publicly available or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases, the expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — legal expenses

7138. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Australian Synchrotron, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — advertising

7139. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — entertainment expenses

7140. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — media and communications staff

7141. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — trade union grants

7142. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: Australian Synchrotron — board representatives

7143. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Australian Synchrotron, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — stress leave

7144. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — legal expenses

7145. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — advertising

7146. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — entertainment expenses

7147. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
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 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — media and communications staff

7148. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — trade union grants

7149. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects business services division — board representatives

7150. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Business Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — stress leave

7158. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — legal expenses

7159. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Capital Planning and Review Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — advertising

7160. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — entertainment expenses

7161. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — media and communications staff

7162. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — trade union grants

7163. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: capital planning and review division — board representatives

7164. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Capital Planning and Review Division, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;

- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — stress leave

7165. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — legal expenses

7166. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — advertising

7167. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — entertainment expenses

7168. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — media and communications staff

7169. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — trade union grants

7170. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: infrastructure projects commercial-legal services division — board representatives

- 7171. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Commercial/Legal Services Division of Infrastructure Projects, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —
- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: corporate resources division — stress leave

- 7172. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —
- (a) the number of days taken;
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Major projects: corporate resources division — legal expenses

- 7173. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:
- (1) What expenses were incurred.
 - (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.

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Major projects: corporate resources division — advertising

- 7174. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —
- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
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Major projects: corporate resources division — entertainment expenses

- 7175. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —
- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
 - (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
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Major projects: corporate resources division — media and communications staff

7176. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
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Major projects: corporate resources division — trade union grants

7177. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: corporate resources division — board representatives

- 7178. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Corporate Resources Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —
- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
 - (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
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Major projects: fish market site — stress leave

- 7179. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —
- (a) the number of days taken;
 - (b) the estimated cost; and
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: fish market site — legal expenses

- 7180. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: fish market site — advertising

7181. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
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Major projects: fish market site — entertainment expenses

7182. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
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Major projects: fish market site — media and communications staff

7183. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

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Major projects: fish market site — trade union grants

7184. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: fish market site — board representatives

7185. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Former Fishmarket Site Redevelopment, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — stress leave

7186. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — legal expenses

7187. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — advertising

7188. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — entertainment expenses

7189. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — media and communications staff

7190. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — trade union grants

7191. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

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Major projects: industrial waste containment facility — board representatives

7192. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Industrial Waste Containment Facility, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: project management group — stress leave

7193. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Project Management Group, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
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Major projects: project management group — legal expenses

7194. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Major Projects Project Management Group, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

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Major projects: project management group — advertising

7195. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Project Management Group, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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Major projects: project management group — entertainment expenses

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Major projects: project management group — media and communications staff

7197. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Project Management Group, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
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Major projects: project management group — trade union grants

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Major projects: project management group — board representatives

7199. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Project Management Group, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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Major projects: project development group — stress leave

7200. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Projects Development Group, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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Major projects: project development group — legal expenses

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Major projects: project development group — advertising

7202. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Projects Development Group, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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Major projects: project development group — media and communications staff

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Major projects: project development group — board representatives

7206. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Projects Development Group, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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Major projects: property and development division — stress leave

7207. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Property and Development Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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Major projects: property and development division — legal expenses

7208. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Major Projects Property and Development Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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Major projects: property and development division — advertising

7209. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Property and Development Division, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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Major projects: property and development division — entertainment expenses

7210. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Property and Development Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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Major projects: property and development division — media and communications staff

7211. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Property and Development Division, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
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Major projects: property and development division — trade union grants

7212. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Major Projects Property and Development Division, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

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Major projects: property and development division — board representatives

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — stress leave

7214. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Convention Centre Development, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — legal expenses

7215. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Melbourne Convention Centre Development, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — advertising

7216. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Convention Centre Development, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — entertainment expenses

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — media and communications staff

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — trade union grants

7219. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Convention Centre Development, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: Melbourne Convention Centre — board representatives

7220. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Convention Centre Development, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — stress leave

7221. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — legal expenses

7222. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — advertising

7223. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — entertainment expenses

7224. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — media and communications staff

7225. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — trade union grants

7226. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

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Major projects: Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC theatre — board representatives

7227. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Melbourne Recital Centre and MTC Theatre, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — stress leave

7228. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — legal expenses

7229. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Partnerships Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
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ANSWER:

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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — advertising

7230. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — entertainment expenses

7231. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — media and communications staff

7232. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — trade union grants

7233. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: Partnerships Victoria — board representatives

7234. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Partnerships Victoria, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: planning and policy division — stress leave

7235. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
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Major projects: planning and policy division — legal expenses

7236. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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Major projects: planning and policy division — advertising

7237. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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Major projects: planning and policy division — entertainment expenses

7238. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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Major projects: planning and policy division — media and communications staff

7239. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
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Major projects: planning and policy division — trade union grants

7240. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

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Major projects: planning and policy division — board representatives

7241. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — stress leave

7242. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — legal expenses

7243. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Showgrounds Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — advertising

7244. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — entertainment expenses

7245. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — media and communications staff

7246. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — trade union grants

7247. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: Melbourne showgrounds — board representatives

7248. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the Showgrounds Redevelopment, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
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Major projects: State Library of Victoria — stress leave

7249. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
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Major projects: State Library of Victoria — legal expenses

7250. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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Major projects: State Library of Victoria — advertising

7251. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
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Major projects: State Library of Victoria — entertainment expenses

7252. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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These questions seek information regarding the Department, agency or authority which, in some cases, either does not exist, is publicly available or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases, the expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Major projects: State Library of Victoria — media and communications staff

7253. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

These questions seek information regarding the Department, agency or authority which, in some cases, either does not exist, is publicly available or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases, the expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Major projects: State Library of Victoria — trade union grants

7254. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

These questions seek information regarding the Department, agency or authority which, in some cases, either does not exist, is publicly available or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases, the expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Major projects: State Library of Victoria — board representatives

7255. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the State Library of Victoria Redevelopment, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

These questions seek information regarding the Department, agency or authority which, in some cases, either does not exist, is publicly available or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases, the expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Major projects: VicUrban — stress leave

7256. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;

- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — legal expenses

7257. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the VicUrban, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — advertising

7258. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — entertainment expenses

7259. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — media and communications staff

7260. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — trade union grants

7261. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Major projects: VicUrban — board representatives

7262. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Major Projects): In relation to the VicUrban, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question is one of several hundred questions (many of which contain up to a further seven sub-questions) asked regarding the operation of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Regional Development, its agencies and authorities going back over the past eight years.

This question does not fall under my responsibility as Minister for Major Projects.

Racing: Racing Appeals Tribunal — stress leave

7284. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the Racing Appeals Tribunal, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Data on all leave which may be stress-related is not available.

Premier: policy and cabinet group — advertising

7293. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to the Department of Premier and Cabinet Policy and Cabinet Group, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and

- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet places advertising through the Master Agency Media Services (MAMS) contract. It is a mandatory contract for all government entities. Campaign and functional advertising (such as public notices and tenders) are placed through Mitchell and Partners. Job vacancy advertising is placed through Zenithoptimedia. Full details of the contract can be found on the Victorian Government Purchasing Board website under the Contract Publishing System.

To provide more information on specific contracts would require excessive resources and represent an unreasonable burden on the department.

Premier: sector improvement group — advertising

7300. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to the Department of Premier and Cabinet Sector Improvement Group, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet places advertising through the Master Agency Media Services (MAMS) contract. It is a mandatory contract for all government entities. Campaign and functional advertising (such as public notices and tenders) are placed through Mitchell and Partners. Job vacancy advertising is placed through Zenithoptimedia. Full details of the contract can be found on the Victorian Government Purchasing Board website under the Contract Publishing System.

To provide more information on specific contracts would require excessive resources and represent an unreasonable burden on the department.

Planning: Frankston bypass

7370. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the proposed Frankston Bypass, particularly the scoping requirements of June 2007 directing the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority (SEITA) to conduct an Environment Effects Statement (EES), the subsequent Planning Issues Summary Report, November 2007, and the final Frankston Bypass EES:

- (1) What were the reasons that public transport options were excluded from consideration in the EES.
- (2) What planning scheme amendments, if any, will be required to allow the project to proceed within the current reservation corridor.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government has identified Frankston as one of six Central Activities Districts in its Melbourne 2030 update, *Melbourne @ 5 million*. This means that Frankston will be the focus of a substantial proportion of future employment growth and public investment.

On 19 April 2007, SEITA referred the proposed Frankston Bypass to me under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* for a decision on whether an Environment Effects Statement would be required under the Act.

The proposal, as it was referred to me, is for a limited access arterial road or a freeway standard road between the EastLink/Mornington Peninsula Freeway/Frankston Freeway interchange at Carrum Downs and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway at Mount Martha. The project objective is to develop a continuous and balanced road network into the future with sufficient road system capacity in the Frankston-Mornington Peninsula corridor to meet likely travel demands from *Melbourne 2030—Planning for Sustainable Growth*. The proposal forms part of the greater Mornington Peninsula Freeway.

The scoping requirements for the EES, which I provided to SEITA in October 2007, require a comprehensive investigation of the potential effects of the proposed Frankston Bypass.

Given that the proposal is for the completion of a link in the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, the scoping requirements require that the EES presents sufficient information to enable a sound and reasoned evaluation of relevant road alternatives, including route alignments, design options and staging options for a road bypass. This is consistent with the Ministerial guidelines for assessment of environmental effects under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.

The required planning scheme amendments to implement the Frankston Bypass will be determined following consideration of the inquiry report under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — stress leave

7372. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — legal expenses

7373. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Institute of Sport, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.

- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — advertising

7374. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — entertainment expenses

7375. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — media and communications staff

7376. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — trade union grants

7377. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

I am unaware of any grant made to trade union groups from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Institute of Sport — board representatives

7378. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Sport, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Since there have not been any elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on the Victorian Institute of Sport board, no provisions were made.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — stress leave

7645. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — legal expenses

7646. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — advertising

7647. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — entertainment expenses

- 7648. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —
- (a) total costs incurred by each section; and
 - (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — media and communications staff

- 7649. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:
- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
 - (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — trade union grants

- 7650. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

I am unaware of any grants made to union groups from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — board representatives

7651. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

I am informed by representatives of the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Boards that they are not aware of any grants having been made to trade union groups on behalf of the Trust between 2000–01 and 2006–07.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — stress leave

7785. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — legal expenses

7786. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose of engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — advertising

7787. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), what are the details of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — entertainment expenses

7788. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, what are the details of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — media and communications staff

7789. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and

- (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — trade union grants

- 7790.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Veterans affairs: Victorian Veterans Council — board representatives

- 7791.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Veterans Council (formerly the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board), what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

- (a) the basis of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) the names of current trade union representatives and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) fees or remuneration paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information that you have requested would place a large resource burden on the Department. Should you indicate a further question of what information you are particularly seeking I may be able to assist you.

Health: paramedics

- 8011.** **MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the announcement on 24 January 2008 of 100 additional paramedics to be recruited for regional areas:

- (1) How many of the 23 paramedics promised for the Hume Region have been recruited and appointed.
- (2) How many of the 21 paramedics promised for the Barwon South West Region have been recruited and appointed.
- (3) How many of the 11 paramedics promised for the Grampians Region have been recruited and appointed.
- (4) How many of the 23 paramedics for the Gippsland Region have been recruited and appointed.

- (5) How many of the 18 paramedics promised for the Loddon Mallee Region have been recruited and appointed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The former RAV initiated the recruitment of an additional 100 paramedics.

The recruitment strategy commenced in April 2008 and incorporates a phased national and international campaign to be conducted over two years.

To date Ambulance Victoria has advised that 42 of the required 100 paramedics have been appointed.

As the paramedics are recruited, they are placed in areas of greatest need to provide further support to the existing workforce by ensuring cover for both planned and unplanned absences.

In addition, the Brumby government's recent State Budget, delivered a \$185.7m boost to ambulance services which represents the single biggest investment in the State's history and will fund an additional 258 paramedics statewide.

Planning: data collection

- 8014. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: Since 1 July 2007, has the Department of Planning and Community Development engaged the services of data collection agency I-view; if so, for what purpose were these services engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Planning and Community Development has not engaged the services of data collection agency I-view for the period since 1 July 2007.

Attorney-General: Crown land

- 8403. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What are the locations of State Government controlled, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There is no record of vacant land within the Justice Portfolio.

Attorney-General: Crown land

8412. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There is no record of vacant land within the Justice Portfolio.

Attorney-General: Crown land

8421. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What are the locations of State Government controlled land currently being used by water authorities in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Attorney-General: Crown land

8430. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled land currently being used by water authorities in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Attorney-General: Crown land

8439. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled land that is currently being used by power companies in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Attorney-General: Crown land

8448. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What are the locations of State Government controlled land that is currently being used by power companies in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.